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»Kilili's HR 1466 unlikely to become law by Nov. 27

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The bad news is that H.R. 1466 is unlikely to become law by Nov. 27, but some of those who may be out of status in the CNMI after that date—including immediate relatives of U.S. citizens who just lost their jobs—can heave a sigh of relief because, unless they have committed a crime, they will not be a priority of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which will be focusing more on dangerous criminals.

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USCIS' Gulick cautions employers to be truthful

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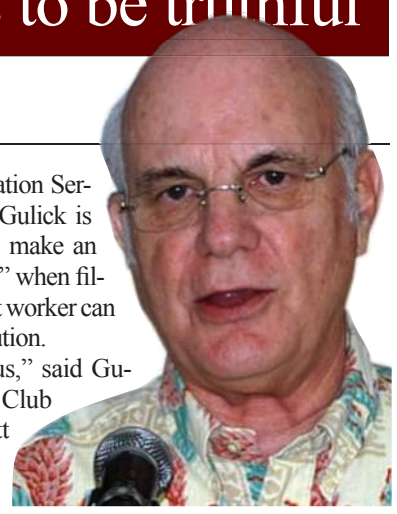

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services district director David Gulick is warning that employers who make an attestation that is "not truthful" when filing a CW-1 petition for a guest worker can face penalty fines and prosecution.

"Don't play games with us," said Gulick, speaking at the Rotary Club of Saipan meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan yesterday.

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'LEAC rate higher than required; needs to be reduced'

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The current levelized energy adjustment clause rate being charged by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is "unquestionably higher than required" and should be reduced at the earliest date possible, according to CUC's own independent consultant.

In the status report it filed with the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission on Monday, Georgetown Consulting Group Inc. recommends the creation of a process for changing the LEAC rate to reflect current world fuel oil market conditions.

"For instance, the current LEAC rate is set at an effective fuel price of $3.55 per gallon (inclusive of the volatility element). However, the current price of fuel oil and the October 2011 gasoil futures are priced at less than $2.90 per gallon—a difference of $0.65 per gallon or almost 20 percent. This over-recovery situation has existed since approximately the May 2011 timeframe," stated

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AFTER THE GAME

All types of trash are strewn on the ground, spilled from overflowing trash cans or left to hang on tree branches in and around the Capital Hill ballfield on Monday morning. While there are groups, businesses, government agencies, and individuals who volunteer their time, money, and effort cleaning up and beautifying the CNMI, others do the exact opposite.

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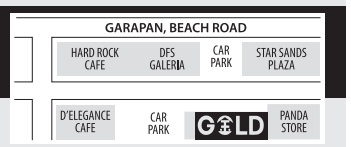

With 2 more flights from Shanghai, Fitial invites more Chinese tourists

More visitors from China are expected to arrive on Saipan as a result of two additional flights from Shanghai that will start this November.

During a launch event held recently in Shanghai, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial welcomed almost 100 travel agents and gave them updates and views of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

The two additional charter flights will bring the total weekly arrival to four direct flights from Shanghai via Airbus 330 planes of Sichuan Airlines. The doubled capacity when filled up should be able to increase Chinese arrivals by 10 percent from last year's 42,873.

In 2012, a 40-percent increase is projected to come out of the four flights. The schedule for the new flights will be every Wednesdays and Saturdays for flight 3U8647 and every Thursdays and Sundays for flight 3U8648.

Marianas Visitors Authority board chair Marian Aldan-Pierce reinforced Fitial's invitation and gave a speech about the sights and destinations in the Northern Marianas. Richard Zhou, DFS' global PRC director for marketing, spoke about the shopping experience on Saipan.

The event also included cultural performances by Chamorro dancers who flew in to reinforce the efforts to showcase the Northern Marianas' culture to Chinese travel agents. Guests who attended expressed heightened interests to promote Saipan more in the coming months. Leading lifestyle and travel media also attended the island-themed event.

Century Tours and Dynasty Holiday organized the launch party shortly after the two companies got the approval to charter the two additional flights. Ronald Chan, Century Tours' general manager, spearheaded the launch event preparations on behalf of the two companies.

"We are so happy to get the go signal on the charter flights. And with the support of the Saipan government and MVA, Century Tours and Dynasty Holiday can look forward to better tourism marketing and promotion in the key cities in China," said Chan. ***(Office of the Governor)***

2 lawmakers challenge casino survey

»Chamber opposes rebate cut

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Reps. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) and Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) want the Saipan Chamber of Commerce to reveal the identities of Chamber members who participated in an online survey on a proposal to legalize casino gambling on Saipan. The Chamber is not commenting on the issue yet.

Only 45 of the 150 Chamber members took part in the online survey.

Of the 45 respondents, 60 percent or 27 Chamber members voted against casino gaming on Saipan, while 40 percent or 18 were in favor of it.

Torres and Palacios, in their letter to Chamber president Douglas Brennan and executive director Richard Pierce, said that while public and Chamber opinions are productive when properly conducted, "the lack of transparency in your survey respondents is not only disturbing, but hypocritical at best."

The lawmakers said if the Chamber does not wish to provide the names of the respondents within a week, "then please advise us of your justification for hiding behind the self-serving cloak of anonymity."

A local casino bill is now on the governor's desk, but the governor has yet to act on it.

Palacios pointed out that Chamber members will be among those that will benefit from a casino on Saipan because the industry will need a lot of things—from food catering, to drinks, furniture, among other things.

"They should be pro-business, not anti-business," he said.

Palacios reiterated that the Chamber could also pool their money together to build a mall on Saipan. "Residents and tourists go to the mall. The Chamber should look into that. The Legislature only passes laws, but the private sector also has the responsibility to do something to help the economy," he added.

In other news, the Chamber said it "strongly opposes" House Bill 17-217, seeking to reduce rebate tax.

The largest business organization in the CNMI said this is an attempt to appropriate funding for the NMI Retirement Fund through additional tax burden on the working population.

"It is the responsibility of the CNMI government to fund the NMI Retirement Fund, not through increased taxation, but by controlling costs. Why must the working employees be forced to bail out the NMI Retirement Fund at additional expense to them?" Brennan said in a letter to House minority leader Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), author of the bill.

Brennan said the bill erodes the very basis for the CNMI economy's growth, and will further the exodus of business and consumers if it is enacted.

"There was a time when a $100-million CNMI government budget was sufficient to fund its operations. There are tremendous amounts of federal government funding sources that did not exist in the CNMI 25 years ago. Why can't the CNMI government reduce its costs to the point where additional taxation on the working people of the CNMI, and businesses, is not necessary," Brennan said.

He also said the Chamber believes the logical place to begin reducing government expenditures "starts right at the 17th Northern Mariana Islands Legislature."

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Retired cop-turned-fruit bat poacher gets 90-day sentence

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona slapped yesterday a 90-day prison sentence against Adrian Atalig Mendiola, a retired police lieutenant who was convicted of poaching federally protected Mariana fruit bats on Rota in 2008.

Manglona allowed Mendiola to self-report to the U.S. Marshals so he could start serving his sentence. After serving his sentence, Mendiola will be placed on six months of supervised release.

Mendiola was ordered to pay a $1,000 fine and $10 court assessment fee. He was required to perform 100 hours of community service, such as participation in the Division of Fish and Wildlife's community outreach education program.

"The young and old people should respect the very rare species. They [endangered species] need to be protected completely," Manglona said.

She noted that Mendiola is a retired police officer who had sworn to uphold the law.

"You violated the law. In this case, it's a federal law," the judge told Mendiola.

Before the sentence was handed down, Mendiola was given a chance to speak. He spoke in Chamorro.

Some 16 individuals, including the Rota mayor, pleaded for a lenient sentence.

In May 2011, the jury found Mendiola guilty of unlawful possession of a threatened wildlife, but not guilty of unlawful receipt or acquisition of a threatened wildlife.

Mendiola's lawyer, Ramon Quichocho, had recommended a probation sentence with conditions. Quichocho said that probation affords adequate deterrence to criminal conduct and protects the public from further crimes. He said probation and a combination of conditions would adequately reflect the seriousness of the offense, promote respect for the law and afford just punishment.

Assistant U.S. attorney Kirk Schuler recommended a six-month prison term, saying a message should be sent to the public about the real consequences that await offenders, particularly retired law enforcement officers, that knowingly violate the endangered species law.

Schuler introduced in court yesterday a video documentary titled *Fanihi* that discusses the importance of the Mariana fruit bat to the island of Rota and the CNMI.

Manglona told Schuler that the 16-minute video "spoke well enough."

PSS 'meet and greet' with new parent-leaders

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Nearly 100 parent-leaders on Saipan gathered yesterday for the Public School System's "Meet and Greet" at Aqua Resort Club.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan said the event emphasizes the importance of establishing a strong relationship and partnership with stakeholders.

Public schools opened classes early this month. The elections of schools' parents-teachers-student association officers were held a week later.

Kimo Rosario, PSS' family engagement and community involvement coordinator, told *Saipan Tribune* that yesterday's event drew 87 participants, which he described as an excellent turnout. He said a similar gathering is also expected on Tinian and Rota this week for education officials to meet newly installed PTSA officers in individual schools.

The "meet and greet" aims to give education officials and parent-leaders an opportunity to dialogue and share plans and priorities for the new school year. It also aims to increase the involvement of parents in their children's education.

In his message to the crowd, Rosario shared with the new parent-leaders some of his plans for the school year. He encouraged participants to work closely with the PTSA Council and the Head Start Policy Council in developing action plans and policies that are tailored toward improving parental involvement in children's education.

Rosario also emphasized the importance of two-way communication between parents and the school in decision-making, planning, student progress, and academic achievement.

He encouraged the new leaders to take part in developing the PSS parental involvement programs' three-year strategic plans and encourage each organization to affiliate with the national PTSA council.

Among the presenters yesterday were federal programs officer Tim Thornburgh, who tackled parental involvement in securing federal grants, specifically Title I grants; and PSS finance director Richard Waldo and legal counsel Kelly Butcher, who discussed non-profit organizations and financial reporting requirements for PTSA.

Besides PSS officials, also present were Board of Education chair Marylou Ada and member Herman T. Guerrero.

CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan also provided brief remarks for participants.

Sablan promised them that education remains among his top priorities and he will continue to seek funding for its progress.

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Hopwood dispels rumor of missing student

Hopwood Junior High School principal Jonas Barcinas dispelled rumors yesterday that one of his students has been missing since the weekend, saying the information was a result of some misunderstanding and miscommunication at school.

Barcinas, who was at the Public School System's "meet and greet" with newly elected PTSA officers yesterday, said that he also received some calls inquiring whether Hopwood is missing one of its student.

He said that all 1,280 students of his school has been accounted for and are secure inside the campus.

Barcinas said that the school has been strictly limiting the entry of people inside the campus for security reasons. Some parents who insisted on entering the campus yesterday were informed by the school's security aide that the tight security measures at the gate were due to an "Amber Alert."

Because of the panic and confusion created by the language used by the security aid, Barcinas said the school reminded the security employee to avoid using the language to prevent the same incident from happening.

Barcinas urged parents to follow the school's proper security protocols.

The Amber Alert Program, named for 9-year-old Amber Hagerman, is a voluntary partnership between law enforcement agencies, broadcasters, and transportation agencies to activate an urgent bulletin in serious child-abduction cases. It works by instantly galvanizing the entire community to assist in the search for and safe recovery of children. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

MORTON

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) said he doubts that his HR 1466, which proposes a "CNMI-only resident status" for four groups of people, could become law by Nov. 27, but a markup on the bill is forthcoming.

"I'm hoping that the markup will be next week," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview at his office in Susupe.

A markup is the process by which congressional committees and subcommittees debate, amend, and rewrite proposed legislation.

He said he is hopeful the committee will move HR 1466 and have it voted on the floor by the full membership before Nov. 27.

Many nonresidents are hoping Sablan's bill will be passed and signed before Nov. 27, when most foreign workers would need a federal work permit such as an H1B visa or a CW status, or at least proof that their employer filed a CW petition for them.

A fourth group of individuals covered by Sablan's HR 1466 are immediate relatives of U.S. citizens regardless of the age of the U.S. citizen.

Unlike the three other groups that include immediate relatives of Freely Associated States citizens who could apply and obtain parole in place, the fourth group of individuals could be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

Many foreign workers with U.S. citizen children recently lost their jobs because of the economy, and are having difficulty finding new jobs. They said they want to be given more time to look for jobs and not be separated from their minor children.

The other groups covered in HR 1466 are CNMI permanent residents; those born in the CNMI between Jan. 1, 1974, and Jan. 9, 1978; and the spouses or children, "as defined in section 101(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(b)(1)), of an alien described in subclauses (I) or (II)."

'Morton memo'

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement John Morton's memo, simply known as the "Morton memo," directs ICE attorneys and employees to "exercise prosecutorial discretion" and refrain from going after non-citizens with close family ties in the U.S., among other things, unless they are criminals or pose a clear risk to national security.

This could mean that if an individual is illegal in the United States—including the CNMI—and have not been deported, that individual should have no fear of instant deportation.

The "Morton memo" tells ICE agents to take "particular care and consideration" when illegal immigrants are veterans, members of the U.S. armed forces, long-time lawful permanent residents, minors and elderly, ill, or are victims of crimes.

It also tells ICE agents to consider all relevant factors when weighing whether an exercise of prosecutorial discretion may be warranted for a given alien.

These include ICE's civil immigration enforcement priorities, and the person's length of presence in the United States, with particular consideration given to presence while in lawful status.

The "Morton memo" also tells ICE agents that in exercising prosecutorial discretion in furtherance of ICE's enforcement priorities, the following negative factors should also prompt particular care and consideration:

■ Individuals who pose a clear risk to national security

■ Serious felons, repeat offenders, or individuals with a lengthy criminal record of any kind;

■ Known gang members or other individuals who pose a clear danger to public safety; and

■ Individuals with an egregious record of immigration violations, including those with a record of illegal re-entry and those who have engaged in immigration fraud.

But while the memo could help those who will be out of status after Nov. 27, some nonresidents said it could also injure people's chances of obtaining improved immigration status down the road.

Malou Berueco, a guest worker advocate, said individuals would not risk being out of status especially if they're only a few years away from being petitioned by their U.S. citizen children.

She said the resident community could also claim that these out-of-status workers will still become a burden to the community. For example, they will still continue to use the hospital, unless they can pay for their medical expenses. However, because the reason they are out of status is they could not find a job, then it will be hard to pay for their own medical expense.

Sablan, when asked for comment, only said that what the "Morton memo" does is give discretionary authority to ICE to prioritize their resources for deportations to those individuals who commit crime.

ICE is one of the component agencies of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

CNMI immigration is now under federal law, pursuant to U.S. Public Law 110-229 or the Consolidated Natural Resources Act.

'USCIS session, rally'

Some individuals have been calling for a peaceful rally tonight from 6pm to 8pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, for those children whose parents could be out of status after Nov. 27.

This is also the same time when the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will hold another public session on the final worker rule at the multi-purpose center.

The final worker rule establishes a transitional Commonwealth-only classification for workers in the CNMI. The CW classification allows employers in the CNMI to hire nonimmigrant workers who are otherwise ineligible for other statuses.

Rabby Syed, president of the United Workers Movement-NMI, said his group will continue to request the Obama administration to use his administrative power to grant parole in place for long-term foreign workers in the CNMI until Congress acts on the Interior Department's recommendation to grant improved status such as green card or U.S. citizenship to aliens who have been lawfully in the CNMI for at least five years.

Syed will leave for Washington, D.C. on Friday to drum up support for his group's cause in the nation's capital.

USCIS

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Gulick said that employers filing a petition for their guest workers need to attest that there are no qualified U.S. workers that are available for the guest workers' positions "on the day they file the petition." U.S. workers include U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, green card holders, or citizens of the Freely Associated States.

Employers, Gulick said, also need to attest that they "reasonably believe the worker is not eligible for another U.S. immigration category as a non-immigrant worker."

Gulick noted, though, that the duration for advertising the position is not specified anywhere in the worker rule.

"They [employers] have to take reasonable efforts to determine whether or not there are available U.S. workers in the CNMI at the time when they signed for the petition," said Gulick.

According to Gulick, they are giving employers "a great deal of discretion" by leaving it up to them how to satisfy the attestation requirement by making a "reasonable determination" as part of their office's "ongoing efforts throughout our adjudication process to reduce the paperwork on employers and applicants."

"The burden shifts from us to the employer and they have to start thinking, doing decisions for themselves and they have to make good faith efforts to do what they can do," he added.

Gulick emphasized that the purpose of the transitional worker rule "is to replace all the guest workers in the CNMI with regular U.S. immigration workers."

"This is something that I hope people begin to understand and let's work together to do this," he said. "It may take some energetic, some out-of-the-box thinking on the case of the CNMI employers in trying to come up with how they're going to solve their worker needs with U.S. workers in the future."

Gulick said that when an employer deliberately misrepresents facts "with the intention of getting us to approve" the petition, then the U.S. Attorney will become involved.

While Gulick said that they will be conducting random checks to determine the accuracy of the petitions filed by employers, these random checks "may be subject to budgets and other factors."

"It could very well happen. I would do my best to make sure it happens as much as I can," he said.

Besides the amount of time needed to advertise a guest worker's position before making an attestation, Gulick said that inquiries about determination of H1 visa eligibility and processing was also a key point that came out in all the outreach sessions that their team has conducted.

The USCIS team also conducted an outreach session on Rota on Monday and on Tinian yesterday, with schedules of more outreach session today and tomorrow. Except for Gulick, the outreach experts are scheduled to leave on Friday. Gulick will be on island until Oct. 9.

"Even right now, I don't have answers to every question…We will give everybody fair consideration and take into account all the circumstances and there's a lot of unique circumstances that exist here," said Gulick.

These circumstances that have raised concerns, Gulick said, include the hiring of household workers and caregivers. He said that they're "not going to be restrictive" if a legitimate business engaged in an ongoing activity of providing services or goods for profit "comes to us and petitions for a household worker or a maid."

According to Gulick, "we will probably go ahead and assume that that's one of the situations where it's legitimate and we will probably not question it" like they would, for example, a restaurant that petitions for a heavy duty equipment operator.

"But I do tell employers that if you do, there had better be an employer-employee relationship," he added.

LEAC

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Georgetown in the eight-page document it filed with the commission.

It also believes CUC was in a similar over-recovery situation between May 2010 and November 2010.

Georgetown cautions PUC, however, that while fuel oil prices have the most impact on the LEAC rate, there are other factors that influence the under- or over-recovery such as generation efficiency and line losses. These factors, according Georgetown, will need to be analyzed before the exact impact any over- or under-recovery can be quantified.

Georgetown's status report does not propose any change at this time to the current LEAC rate. It review the key considerations that impact the LEAC rate and recommends that PUC consider a process for changing the LEAC rate to reflect world fuel oil market conditions and the reconciliation of any past over- or under-recovery of fuel oil revenues collected from CUC customers.

Georgetown said the framework associated with developing the LEAC rate should take into consideration the reconciliation of LEAC fuel expenses and LEAC rate revenues.

"To the extent LEAC revenue is greater than the costs incurred for fuel and lube oil and related expenses, a true-up process will refund to consumers the over-recovery. Likewise to the extent that LEAC revenue is insufficient to cover the costs of fuel and lube oil and related expenses, the true-up process requires that the LEAC rate be increased to appropriately reimburse CUC for its costs," states the report.

Georgetown disagrees with the CUC position that the reconciliation should be calculated based on what it refers to as the "collection" method for determining LEAC rate revenue.

"Georgetown strongly disagrees with the CUC position on LEAC rate revenue recognition and it will be necessary that this matter be briefed and heard by the PUC," the report states.

Course of action

The current LEAC rate is "clearly over-recovering fuel costs and should be reduced at the earliest date possible" after appropriate hearings, Georgetown said. In addition, it said a reconciliation is in order and should be undertaken, based upon a high-level review of just the fuel cost component of LEAC rate. The consultant suggested a two-step process for PUC.

"Step one should lead to the immediate consideration by the PUC of a revised LEAC rate. We would propose that within 30 days, the PUC set a hearing date to consider a new LEAC rate for the period November 2011 through March 2011," it said, adding that after its conference call last Sept. 21 where it initiated the informal discovery, CUC is expected to provide a response on Sept. 27. An expedited report is expected to be completed by Oct. 12 where PUC hopes to put in place a new LEAC rate that will likely show a substantial reduction.

Step 2 is to have a full reconciliation proceeding with analysis.

Beating at NMC allegedly fractures jaw of student

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A beating at the Northern Marianas College campus in As Terlaje on Sept. 2 left a student with a broken jaw that had to be fixed in Guam. Although the victim is now back on Saipan, he is still being fed using a tube because he remains unable to chew his food, police said.

The suspect, Mark Aguilar Espeleta, 20, was arrested on Monday in Finasisu on charges of aggravated assault and battery, and assault and battery. His bail was set at $10,000 cash.

Preliminary hearing will be on Oct. 6 at 9am.

At yesterday's hearing, Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo ordered Espeleta to stay away from the victim and NMC.

Detective Raymond B. Borja stated in his report that a police officer had responded to the Commonwealth Health Center on Sept. 2 after receiving a call about an assault and battery incident.

Borja said the victim told police that he was sitting on a bench and talking to a female classmate at NMC next to the Nursing Office at 8am that day when Espeleta approached them.

The suspect asked the victim if they could speak in private. As the two were walking away, Espeleta allegedly punched the victim on the left jaw, causing him to fall to the ground. The suspect then also kicked the victim once in the chest.

The victim lost consciousness. When he regained his senses after several seconds, he saw his brother trying to stop Espeleta from further assaulting him.

Espeleta allegedly also tried to punch and kick the victim's brother, who managed to block the assault.

A security guard and other bystanders stopped the fight. The brother brought the victim to CHC for treatment.

The X-ray photos were, however, not clear so the victim was referred to the Seventh Day Adventist for a better X-ray of his injury.

At Seventh Day Adventist, the X-ray showed that the victim's left jaw had been fractured. A Seventh Day Adventist doctor recommended surgery.

As no doctors on Saipan is qualified to perform the surgery, the victim left for Guam on Sept. 13 to have his jaw fixed. A Guam doctor reportedly told the victim he was lucky that he showed up early for surgery or his face would have become deformed as a result of the injury. The victim reportedly incurred more than $4,000 as a result of the surgery.

After a couple of days in Guam, the victim was brought back to Saipan. To eat, his food has to be ground up so he could eat through a straw. His speech remains affected, police said.

After 'problematic' budget's passage comes raising government revenues

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With a "problematic" $102-million budget bill now law, the Fitial administration and the Legislature are now setting their sights on raising government revenue to restore 80 hours biweekly and provide better and more public services and to prolong the lifespan of the NMI Retirement Fund.

While the House leadership has a local casino bill now on the governor's desk, the Fitial administration has yet to act on it. The 40-day period to act on the bill will lapse in early October; otherwise, the bill automatically becomes law without the governor's signature.

Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan) said a new conference committee has been formed to break the House and Senate deadlock on his House Bill 17-163, which seeks to create a tax rate for foreign corporations earning income from outside the CNMI.

The House rejected the Senate's amendments, prompting House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) and Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) to appoint conferees.

"This is something new that we really have to look into," Basa said.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) said the Senate also would like to see this foreign corporation bill pass both houses. His appointed conferees are led by Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), along with Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan), and Sen. Henry San Nicolas (Cov-Saipan).

Manglona said the Legislature should also put to a vote the issue of whether to maintain or repeal Article 12 of the NMI Constitution, which restricts land ownership to people of Northern Marianas descent.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said the Fitial administration's priority "will be focused on working with the Legislature on the passage of revenue-generating bills."

"Without such additional revenues, the government will not be able to restore work hours back to 80 nor will it be able to guarantee timely payment of wages," he said.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said Monday that the administration was expecting the Senate to pass House Bill 17-179 simultaneously with the budget bill since the Legislature cut the Marianas Visitors Authority's operational budget by 56 percent.

Manglona said the Senate will hold a session on Monday, and HB 17-179 will be acted on.

The bill seeks to charge passengers from non-U.S. destinations a new $15 "travel promotion fee," collections from which will supplement MVA's budget.

House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan), author of HB 17-179, reiterated the need to pass this tourism incentive bill. "This bill will restore MVA's budget as well as stimulate the economy in the private sector," he said.

Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota) said the primary focus should be tourism enhancement "which should be an all-out concerted effort by all three senatorial districts and in close collaboration with the Marianas Visitors Authority, including a review of Article 12; whether to retain or repeal in its entirety, putting the issue to rest."

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) and Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan) said the Legislature should prioritize helping the NMI Retirement Fund.

Yumul said the Legislature should also work on the issues that Inos pointed out in the budget law, including funding for the Office of the Public Auditor and MVA.

Cabrera, for his part, said there's a revenue-generating bill that's already on the governor's desk, referring to Rep. Stanley Torres' (Ind-Saipan) bill legalizing casino gambling on Saipan.

The press secretary said there's "no decision at this time."

Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said there should be a short-term and long-term goal "of which sustainability would be the mission."

Rep. Trenton Conner (R-Tinian) cited the issues brought up during the economic summit months ago, specifically those in the "10-point plan" as well as retirement bill, the MVA bill, and Article 12 initiative.

The House and Senate passed a fiscal year 2012 budget bill that Inos, when he was acting governor on Monday, signed into law despite 12 "problematic provisions" to avoid another partial government shutdown.

Inos said the administration was "forced" to approve a bill that "could have been drafted with more care, precision, and fairness" had lawmakers not waited for the "11th hour" to tackle the budget.

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COE freezes hiring of vice principals, support staff positions

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REPORTER

The Public School System will implement a hiring freeze on its vice principal and support staff positions because of its meager budget for fiscal year 2012, according to Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan.

She told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that four vice principal posts have been put on hold as a result of budget constraints.

On top of the freeze hiring, she also made it clear to school principals that support staff posts will also not be filled this school year.

"We have frozen the vice principal positions for now because it's very hard if we will freeze the school counselor positions which are providing important support for our students," she said during a break in yesterday's parents' summit at Aqua Resort Club.

"I already communicated to all our schools and I made it very clear to the administrators that whenever they lose support staff, sorry…but those positions cannot be replaced or cannot be filled now due to budget concerns," she said.

Public School System human resource director Coreen Palacios said that there are about 30 school administrators on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Of the number, 19 are principals and the rest are vice principals. She said the vice principal position is determined based on the per-school population.

However, in smaller campuses that have only a few hundred enrollees, the vice principal position is not being filled as long as there are enough school counselors on board.

Commissioner Sablan said the hiring freeze is PSS' way of protecting every classroom teacher position.

According to Palacios, PSS currently has only about 500 classroom teachers, including new hires from on- and off-island.

Acting governor Eloy S. Inos signed into law Monday the fiscal year 2012 appropriations bill that gives a $30 million budget to PSS. This amount is $6 million short of what PSS had originally asked for but $2 million higher than the Executive Branch's proposal of $28 million.

Sablan said that PSS will need to adjust its budget plan for this school year to reflect the $30 million allotment.

"I have to go back and work with my financial team and see how we can adjust or revise our budget to reflect the amount under the appropriation bill. I know we will be working with $30 million, so that's my challenge and I think I will overcome that," she said.

Although she described the $30-million budget as "workable and manageable," Sablan sees particular concern with paying for utilities and sustaining the operational cost of school buses.

House, Senate to act on Sept. 30 expiration of LB chief's contract

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The House and Senate leaderships plan to meet this week to tackle the Sept. 30 expiration of Legislative Bureau director Glenna SP.-Reyes' contract and to ensure that the Legislature has a "constitutionally appointed" bureau director.

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) wrote a letter yesterday to Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), requesting a meeting with the Senate leadership on the matter.

Cabrera said the contract pertaining to the LB director signed by former speaker Arnold Palacios and senator Frica Pangelinan expires on Sept. 30.

Reyes

He said a timely meeting would be necessary to address the matter before the start of fiscal year 2012 on Oct. 1.

Cabrera, in a phone interview, said the Legislature has to follow the Constitution in appointing an LB director.

Article II Section 17(a) of the NMI Constitution holds that the LB shall be headed by a director "to be appointed by the joint leadership of the legislature consisting of the presiding officers, vice presiding officers, floor leaders, and the chairmen of the standing committees."

Rep. Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan), when he was speaker last year, asked Reyes to vacate her office, citing her contract expired when no budget was passed on Oct. 1, 2010. The Senate blocked Tenorio's request.

Tenorio said yesterday he is not privy to the latest matter involving Reyes' contract.

Manglona, in a separate interview, acknowledged receipt of Cabrera's letter.

"I will bring this up to the leadership and will meet with the speaker. Yes we will sit down with the House and talk about their concern," the Senate president said.

As of yesterday, there's no telling whether the House leadership plans to replace Reyes with a new director. Reyes declined to comment.

Some LB staffers said yesterday they would like the Senate president and House speaker to allow LB employees to be heard in considering whether they want to retain or replace Reyes, since her contract expires on Friday.

"All we want is to be heard. Can the leadership also ask us LB employees about our opinion?" one of them asked.

Witness says Cepeda had laughed about killing victim

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Testifying yesterday in the retrial of Franklin Cabrera Cepeda Jr. for the killing of a businessman in 1999, a co-defendant said that they had laughed after the incident, with Cabrera saying he just "got his payday."

George Ilo narrated to the court how he and Cabrera entered Yellow House Karaoke in San Jose, then robbed and killed Rong Matthew Zhou on March 1, 1999. Ilo has already pleaded guilty as part of a plea deal.

Ilo said that, as they left the establishment aboard a car, he told Cabrera that Zhou was dead.

"[Cabrera] said that's good because he got his payday," said Ilo during direct examination by assistant attorney general Peter Prestley.

Ilo said they were laughing in the car about what had happened.

When Ilo asked Cabrera if he saw some Chinese girls running away and screaming during the incident, Cabrera allegedly replied: "It's good they ran or they could die also."

Ilo said he had the knife while Cabrera was armed with a baseball bat when they entered Yellow House Karaoke. He said that Zhou grabbed his knife, triggering their struggle for possession of the weapon.

Cepeda then hit the businessman with a baseball bat on the head, Ilo said.

"I saw blood coming out from Matthew's [Zhou] head," said Ilo, adding that he stabbed the victim, then Cepeda took the knife from him and repeatedly stabbed the victim.

Cepeda then reportedly took Zhou's wallet as the victim was lying in a pool of blood.

Ilo said he didn't intend to stab Zhou.

"I was a little bit scared and shocked also," he said.

Ilo said they proceeded to Koresco Hotel where they washed off Zhou's blood from themselves and then proceeded to his house where he changed clothes.

Ilo said he and Cabrera and a certain Calvin went to a poker establishment in Chalan Kanoa where they bought $50 worth of "ice." After smoking the "ice" Ilo said they all went home.

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Man'amko council elects new officers

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The newly elected members of the Saipan Seniors Advisory Council. Teresita Sorroza, seated center, and Christiana Michael, seated left, were re-elected to serve as chair and treasurer, respectively. The other members and officers are vice chair Maria Salinas, Meryalen Conrad, Manuel Mesa, secretary Elena Villanueva, Rita Reyes, Alejandra Blas, and Siyau Muna.

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Aging Center congregates Teresita Sorroza and Christiana Michael will both be serving second terms as Saipan Seniors Advisory Council chair and treasurer, respectively, after being re-elected to their positions during the council election held yesterday.

Besides Sorroza and Michael, Maria Salinas was voted vice chair while Elena Villanueva was chosen secretary. The two are both new to the council.

The four newly elected officers will lead other council members—Rita Reyes, Alejandra Blas, Meryalen Conrad, Siyau Muna, and Manuel Mesa—as well as the rest of the *man'amko* at the Aging Center.

Right before the election, Aging director Rose Mondala briefed council members for 2011-2012 about the critical responsibilities of elected officers, including preparation of reports, representing the *man'amko*, and discussing the *man'amko*'s various programs to the media and the public in general.

"I need you all to know what you're voting for. You got to make sure that you know your duties and responsibilities," she said.

Mondala added, "I'm not going to tell you who to vote. But you should know who to vote for: someone who can do the job. That's the most important concern I have. Please, when you vote today, you better vote wisely."

Mondala, who congratulated the new officers immediately after the election, said she is "satisfied" with the election results.

"I know already where the election is going to go because of the mountain of responsibilities waiting for the elected officers," said Mondala. "I want them to work as a team. All of them."

Aging coordinator Walter Manglona said the election for the new council officers is usually held on Sept. 30 but they opted to do it sooner to avoid being non-operational because of the need to submit a petition of new council officers to the Department of Commerce and new signatories to the bank.

Since the chair and the treasurer were re-elected, Manglona noted that there would be no need to change the signatories.

Sorroza told reporters after the election that congregates at the Aging Center have already seen her work during her first term "and we foresee more changes and definite plans" this new term.

"Travel would be a priority for this year because we have not been going out, not even to Mañagaha," she said. Sorroza said they are looking at possibly bringing the *man'amko* to Tinian, Rota, or Guam.

The biggest challenge she expects in her second term is "attitude change." "It's very difficult to handle *man'amko*. Some are very sensitive. A little thing would make them flare up; you have to find a balance," she explained.

Sorroza disclosed that she is not satisfied with what she carried out during her first term. "I will try better. I hope to accomplish more for the sake of the *man'amko*."

Manglona added that they are looking at creating subcommittees within the council such as bingo, arts and crafts, and fundraising where other council members can participate.

Officers' signage to be installed

The newly elected officers and members of the Saipan Seniors Advisory Council will soon have a signage put up inside the Aging Center dining hall.

Aging program coordinator Walter Manglona said the signage is expected to be up by Thursday "so that our guests and dignitaries will know who our officers are" when they visit the center during special events.

Manglona said the design of the signage, which measures about 30 x 50 inches, features a photo of the council officers and members taken inside the Aging Center's conference room but he changed the background into outdoors "in a kind of serene area."

"It just kind of showcases their personality: calm and collected," Manglona told *Saipan Tribune*.

Manglona added, "We'll put it up on the dining room to kind of like commend the new members of the council. Hopefully they work hard for the group."

Two signages for the Aging Office are also expected to be installed by the end of the week.

Manglona said he is already finished doing the designs for the signages, which measure about 4 x 8 ft each.

"It's going to be out there on the fence so that people that pass by can find our office," he added. ***(Clarissa V. David)***

10-day prison sentence for burglar

The Superior Court has imposed a 10-day jail term on a man who burglarized a restaurant in Tanapag and stole a freezer and other items.

Associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo sentenced Sylvestry M. Amirez to five years in prison, all suspended except for 10 days, for burglary and theft.

Govendo gave the 26-year-old Amirez credit for the six days he had already served in jail.

The judge placed Amirez on probation for five years and required him to pay $500 fine, $100 court costs, and restitution to Joo Yoon Yeom

Amirez was required to write of letter of apology to Yeom and perform 200 hours of community service.

The defendant pleaded guilty to burglary and theft as part of a plea bargain. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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After 25 years, Matsumoto couple says *sayonara*

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REPORTER

Willie and Aya Matsumoto, the formidable husband-and-wife force behind the longstanding Pacific Eagle Enterprises Inc., will bid Saipan farewell after calling it home for 25 years.

The couple confirmed in an interview yesterday that they will are heading back tomorrow, Sept. 29, to their hometown, Himeji City, which is famous for its UNESCO World Heritage Site castle and is located in the Hyōgo Prefecture in the Kansai region of Honshū island.

Aya disclosed that the main reason for their departure is her 79-year-old mother who is presently living by herself.

But both husband and wife said that they would still be coming back to the island from time to time to check on their businesses and hopefully bring with them tour groups and engage in potential business ventures between Saipan and Japan.

Aya recounted how her parents had advised her to move to Saipan as the island, already a famous destination for many Japanese at that time, would do her good.

"I was eight months pregnant then," said Aya. "The reason why I came here was because I was weak at that time."

Back in those days, Aya recalled how things were "very different" as Saipan was "like a jungle" with only a few hours of rationed water.

While the Commonwealth enjoyed an economic boom in the '90s, Willie noted that things have become stagnant in the last few years.

"Everything stays the same and that's also one reason why we're leaving," said Willie. "But we plan to do and give something good for this island by encouraging visitors and investors to come here."

CLARISSA DAVID
Willie and Aya Matsumoto, the formidable husband-and-wife force behind the longstanding Pacific Eagle Enterprises Inc.

In fact, both Willie and Aya already have their calendars full of meetings with various groups, starting with the Katori Shrine group, a TV station in Tokyo, and the Nenpou Shinkyou group.

Aya disclosed that they plan to tap more prayer groups, cultural exchange groups, and college student groups to visit Saipan. She maintained that the island has many educational resources, encompassing topics such as environment, history, and international relations.

"I think Saipan is 'Little Asia' so it's easy for Japanese to learn about how Asians are doing here," she told *Saipan Tribune.*

With Saipan having a "very friendly island" reputation among Japanese tourists, most of whom are repeat visitors, Willie and Aya underscored the need to make the most of this leverage and work on getting more flights from Japan.

According to Aya, the CNMI could do with regular flights—not charter flights—at least thrice a week from the west side of Japan, where most vacationers know only about Guam and Palau as there are no brochures about Saipan available there.

Aya also noted the importance of having short-term, medium-term, and long-term plans for the Commonwealth, given the current economic situation of the islands.

"The government relies a lot on businesses so they should help businesses in return. Business groups should talk and cooperate with each other as well," she said.

For Aya, what she'll miss most about Saipan are her diverse and lovely friends, the climate, and golfing. Willie, on the other hand, will surely miss fishing.

The last few days have been surprising and touching for the couple after having received several recognition for their contribution to the CNMI, including the Tourism Ambassador plaque from the Marianas Visitors Authority and a certificate of appreciation from the Saipan Mayor's Office. A farewell party was also hosted for them by friends at the Fiesta Resort and Spa last Sept. 22.

"We really appreciate the acknowledgment they've given us. We feel happy and honored," said Aya.

The couple maintained that their businesses—which include hotel supply, construction and maintenance, business consulting services, and film coordinating service—will remain here and that they will be back for the Japanese festival in October and bring a TV talent group by December.

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From left to right, J.D. Tenorio, ARC emergency services director; U.S. Army Sgt. Kennedy Benjamin, ARC health and safety coordinator; Sgt. Maj. Joaquin Kiyoshi, ARC CPR instructor and volunteer; Andrea S. Whitt, IT&E executive director, Customer Service; John Hirsh, ARC NMI Chapter executive director; Rose Soledad, IT&E controller; Veronica Acosta, IT&E Wireless/Marketing supervisor; and Brad E. Ruszala, IT&E marketing coordinator.

Army sergeant Benjamin presents US flag to IT&E

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The flag was flown over the 36th Infantry Division Headquarters in Basra, Iraq, while Benjamin was completing his military tour of duty.

"IT&E has shown a strong commitment to helping military families through calling card donations, community events, and the holiday gift package program," said John Hirsh, executive director of the ARC NMI Chapter. "Our brave brothers and sisters serving in the Armed Forces from the CNMI, who are risking their lives for our country, appreciate the generosity and support of companies like IT&E." ***(PR)***

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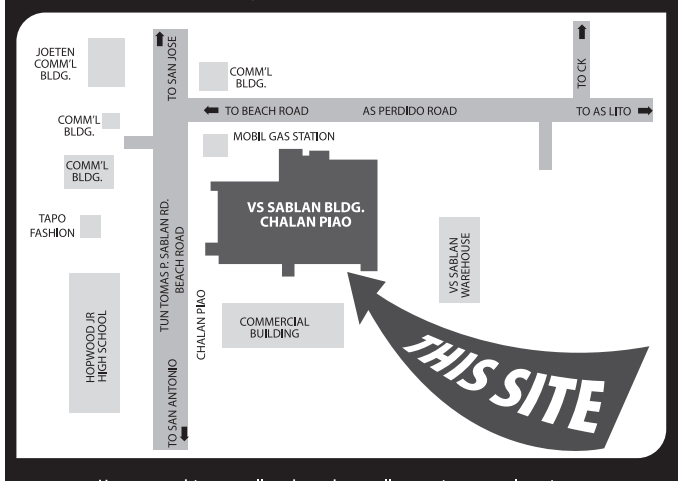

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Amendment in FTZ bill sought
The Commonwealth Ports Authority has asked the House Committee on Commerce to delete a provision in the proposed Free Trade Zone which imposes minimum rental charge to allow the FTZ Authority and CPA negotiate a fair and reasonable rate. If this is not acceptable, CPA Executive Director Carlos H. Salas proposed that the minimum rental should be not less than 50 percent of the current rate being assessed by the ports authority to its ground tenants. Salas wrote to Rep. Oscar M. Babauta, chairman of the committee, to lobby for the inclusion of certain provisions in the Free Trade Zone Act. In seeking amendments to the FTZ measure, Salas said this would help the CNMI cope with the demand for a well-developed airport system and enhance the island's aviation safety.

CPA readies transfer of tower operations to private firm
It's all systems go for the Serco Management Services Inc. to take over the operations of the Saipan Air Traffic Control Tower on Oct. 1, 1999. Six employees of the Commonwealth Ports Authority assigned at the Air Traffic Control Tower will transfer to Serco. CPA Executive Director Carlos H. Salas said the rate for the controllers will be $18.26 per hour. Salas said other benefits include medical and dental plan, long-term disability, standard and optional life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance. Serco is a private contractor appointed by FAA to run the Control Tower in the Western Pacific Region, including Hawaii and Guam. It has also taken over the operation of some airports in California.

Sept. 28, 2000

NMC braces for accreditation
An accreditation team from the Western Accreditation for Schools and Colleges will arrive on Saipan early next week to conduct a four-day evaluation of CNMI's lone public postsecondary institution. All eyes are on the Northern Marianas College as it undergoes a two-fold accreditation process unique for an institution of its size. NMC Accreditation Liaison Officer and Dean of Instruction Dr. Barbara G. Moir said yesterday it is the first time any community college in the whole western region has attempted to secure a license to offer four-year degree programs as a two-year accredited institution.

Museum aims to generate more contributions
Still a work in progress, the CNMI Museum of History and Culture's ongoing Japanese exhibit continues to welcome leads to polish its eight-month history exhibit showcasing the Japanese administration in the Marianas which opened its doors to the community last Friday. Executive Director Paul C. Oberg said yesterday the current exhibit will be subject to considerable changes throughout the succeeding months, depending on additional information that will surface from time to time. "The changes will not be dramatic but we anticipate to inject some new life and refresh some materials. . .to provide something new for the visitors to look at," he said.

Sept. 28, 2001

$27M in revenue shortfall feared
Best estimates made by the Department of Finance on the money it expects to collect in Fiscal Year 2002 place the expected revenue amount at only $206 million-$27 million short of the $233 million the government had originally submitted as its budget for the incoming fiscal year. "I met with the finance department just yesterday and it appears that we might only be able to make $206 million [in the new fiscal year]," Gov. Pedro P. Tendorio told reporters yesterday morning. This came even as the Senate was deliberating on the proposed $233-million Fiscal Year 2002 budget at the Northern Marianas College on Tinian. Expectations were high that the Senate would pass the bill yesterday. As of press time, the Senate remains in session.

OPA allowed to retain alien workers
Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio has signed into law the bill that would allow the Office of the Public Auditor to retain the services of nonresident workers beyond the period allowed for it under Public Law 10-4. House Bill 12-376, to be known hence as Public Law 12-65 or the Commonwealth Auditing Amendments Act of 2001, would also allow the OPA to hire 10 new interns and, at the same time, lift the cap on the salaries of non-U.S. certified public accountants. Tenorio said that Public Law 10-4 was originally intended for government agencies employing nonresident workers to implement a management intern program that would train locals who will eventually replace the nonresident employees.

ABA grants CNMI Bar Association delegate post

After more than two decades of effort by local CNMI and Guam lawyers, the American Bar Association recently recognized the CNMI Bar Association as a fully integrated member of the American Bar Association by granting it a delegate in its governing body, the House of Delegates.

The American Bar Association (ABA) is the largest organization of lawyers in the world. Membership is voluntary, lawyers do not need to be members to practice law in the United States or any of the U.S. territories. It is also one of the most influential lobbying groups in the country. Along with providing a variety of services to its members, the ABA sets standards for lawyers and makes recommendations as to all types of policies and laws. These recommendations are heard in Washington, D.C., at the United Nations, and throughout the world.

The governing body of the ABA that sets policies and makes recommendations is the House of Delegates. Its members are delegates from the 50 state bar associations, some large county and local bar associations and special organizations within the ABA called sections. The Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Washington, D.C. also have delegates. Until now, the Pacific territories were not fully represented in the House of Delegates. Guam had a delegate in even years, the CNMI had one in odd years, and America Samoa was without a delegate at all.

At the ABA annual meeting which took place in Toronto last August, the ABA constitution was amended so that each territory; Guam, the CNMI, and American Samoa, now each have their own delegate. Much like the CNMI recently obtaining a full voice in the United States House of Representatives, this change to the AB House of Delegates will allow the lawyers of the CNMI a full voice in the making of rules and recommendations that not only effect all United States lawyers, but also shape national and international laws and policies. There had been a great deal of resistance within the ABA to allowing a full delegate to each territory. This constitutional amendment was only possible after years of effort by the delegates from both Guam and the CNMI, along other concerned lawyers.

The CNMI Bar Association would like to acknowledge the extra recent efforts made by Guam ABA Representative Joaquin C. Arriola Jr. and the CNMI's elected ABA representative, Douglas W. Hartig. Although the efforts of many were required to obtain a full vote for the CNMI, we are confident that the CNMI would not yet have a delegate had it not been for Mr. Hartig's lobbying and education efforts. We applaud Hartig and Arriola's hard work and thank them for representing our interests so effectively. ***(PR)***

Golf school gives pick-up grippers to Kagman group, Beautify CNMI!

From left, community volunteers, Kagman Komunidat Association president Daniel Huh, Beautify CNMI!'s Cinta Kaipat and Laurie Peterka, and Gary Liddle, director/headmaster of International Golf Academy & Preparatory School.

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The International Golf Academy & Preparatory School donated 24 aluminum trash pick-up grippers to Kagman Komunidat Association and Beautify CNMI!

These trash-gripper tools will aid the association and student volunteers from Kagman High School in their ongoing efforts to keep Kagman and the CNMI clean and beautiful.

"I have been following Beautify CNMI! online for the past couple of years before I moved to Saipan a year ago," said Gary Liddle, director/headmaster of International Golf Academy & Preparatory School. "I appreciate going to clean beaches and living in a clean environment."

Liddle shared that he even picks up trash on his way to and from work.

Kagman Komunidat Association's new president Daniel Huh accepted the donated tools. ***(PR)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy birthday greetings go out to Peter Deleon Guerrero, who will celebrate his 27th birthday today, Sept. 28, 2011. Cheers to you and another great year! May your wishes and dreams come true. We love you! From your two girls, Patty and Paige.

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Belated happy birthday to the best father in the whole wide world, Stanley Songao Santos, who celebrated his birthday on Sept. 27, 2011! Daddy, we hope you love your surprise and that you enjoyed your day! We love you! Greetings come from Craig and Martinie Calvo.

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Belated happy birthday to Beverly Ann, who celebrated her birthday on Sept. 26,2011. A lot of things have changed through the years…But there's something that'll always be the same…It's the special bond we all share that keeps us close no matter where we are! Wishing you a very happy birthday, darling! With lots of love, JSk*nk and BernaSk*nk.

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Belated happy birthday to Loling, who celebrated her special day on Sept. 27. Wishing you all the great things in life and many more joyous birthdays to come. We hope you had a blessed day! Greetings come from your loving family Shaft, Jun, Marlo Tasi.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) proclamation ceremony is scheduled this Friday, September 30, 2011 at 10:00 am at the Governor's Conference Room.

Stakeholders, advocates, employers and persons with disabilities, please join us at this important occasion.

For more information please call 322-6537/8 (voice) or 322-6449 (TTY).

Olomwaay, Si Yu'us Ma'ase & Thank You.

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"CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM FOR THE COMMONWEALTH HEALTH CENTER, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES"

The RFP package may be obtained at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Dr., Saipan, during regular working hours.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on **October 04, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.**, **local time**, at the Commonwealth Health Center Conference Room.

This is a federally funded project; as such, local preference is not available because its use is prohibited by Federal Law granting funding for this project.

/s/ JOSEPH K.P. VILLAGOMEZ
Secretary of Health

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, P&S

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
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LOAN UNDERWRITER

The Commonwealth Development Authority is soliciting competitive proposals from qualified firms, companies, agencies and/or persons to provide the services of a loan underwriter experienced in all aspects of the underwriting process, to provide independent contractual services for the CDA in the implementation of the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) Loan Guaranty and Loan Participation Programs. This procurement is being conducted pursuant to CNMI Procurement Regulations (NMIAC Chapter 70-30.3, specifically § 70-30.3-235).

The CDA on behalf of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) has applied for State Small Business Credit Initiative funds in the amount of $13,168,350 for the Loan Participation and Loan Guaranty Programs. Programs are subject to CDA and lender criteria as well as SSBCI guidelines.

The purpose of the programs is to provide businesses with high growth and job creation potential that will diversify and strengthen the local economy. It encourages expansion of existing and emerging new industries to expand economic opportunity to all in the community.

The Program targets the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CDA encourages the leveraging of new private investment in the form of fixed asset and working capital investment. The Program provides loan guaranty and participation of up to $5 million to businesses at interest rates and loan maturities that encourage business development and facilitate reinvestment while providing for the recapitalization and growth of fund. The program perpetuates a positive and proactive business climate that encourages the retention and expansion of existing businesses and helps to attract desirable new businesses. The Program objective is to leverage the SSBCI funding ten times (10X) with private financing.

The guidelines and specifications for this RFP may be picked up at the Commonwealth Development Authority, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950 during normal working hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Holidays, or from the Office of Procurement and Supply in Lower Base.

Respectfully

/s/ MANUEL A. SABLAN
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EDITORIAL

Ganging up on guest workers

Getting consensus on immigration issues is hard. But few would dispute that the existing system is broken. Its failure can be seen most clearly on farms: An estimated 70 percent of all agricultural workers in the United States are here illegally.

Without undocumented workers, crops would rot in the fields. Skeptics need only consider the plight of growers in Alabama and Georgia, who say that new anti-immigrant state laws have put their harvests at risk. Few documented workers or U.S. citizens have applied for the jobs even though they pay above minimum wage.

Nor is it difficult to understand why farmers are reluctant to use the existing guest-worker program that allows them to apply for H-2A visas for temporary foreign workers. Growers say the program is expensive and cumbersome, and requires them to predict harvest schedules and labor needs a year in advance.

This month, Congress stepped in with two proposals to address the situation, but both are deeply flawed. Reps. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, and Dan Lungren, R-Calif., have called for gutting the H-2A visa program and replacing it with one that would roll back existing labor protections for U.S. and foreign workers and make it harder to detect abuses.

Smith's bill would allow up to 500,000 temporary guest workers into the country annually. But it would eliminate the current requirement that guest workers be paid at the same rate as the average farmworker, and require instead that they be paid the average of what the lowest third of agricultural workers earn. Some say the effect would be to lower the average wage for all workers.

Perhaps the most troubling part of the bill is a provision that wage disputes be subject to binding arbitration. Smith says it's intended to reduce frivolous litigation. But forcing temporary workers, who earn little more than the minimum wage, to pay for arbitration while barring them from recouping those costs if they win would essentially make it too expensive to fight abuses. Currently, workers can sue for back wages and punitive damages. This serves as a disincentive to withholding wages.

Lungren's proposal would require guest workers to pay their own housing and transportation costs. Growers would no longer have to pay workers the prevailing wage, but only the federal minimum wage. And workers would have an amount equivalent to the Social Security tax deducted from their paychecks—money they could recover only when they returned home and demonstrated to U.S. consular officials that they had complied with the terms of their visas.

Both bills would shift oversight of the guest-worker program from the Labor Department to the Department of Agriculture, which has no experience investigating workers' financial claims.

Both bills are likely to die an unmourned death in committee because of opposition from growers, a crucial GOP constituency with deep pockets. Growers don't want to see their labor supply threatened. If Washington really wants to help growers and treat workers fairly, it ought to revive the Agriculture Job Opportunities, Benefits and Security Act. That bill would allow farmworkers who are already here to legalize their status if they agree to pay a fine and continue to work in the fields for at least three years.

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STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT, FIRST STAR I SEE TONIGHT...
THE FEDERAL RESERVE COMES UP WITH A NEW ECONOMIC STRATEGY.

Roger

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Tribune

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Roger N. Ludwick came on and off our radar for the decade-long residence we spent in Saipan. Two blips came. First, in our support of teachers in the retirement rule change that excluded those hired on the promise of inclusion in the retirement benefits after three years of PSS employment but has not completed their three-year service. The system was being held accountable to its promise and the Legislature rectified the oversight.

When we joined the PSS family, we were momentarily involved in promoting the interest of PSS teachers through the Association of Commonwealth Teachers. Promoting an ambience of broad participation in the decision-making processes surrounding CNMI education, we tried getting teachers to be more conversant not only in organizational matters that affect their bread and butter, but more importantly, on the curriculum issues that affect the fate of students, who after all, were the *raison d'etre* for the profession. We found retiree Ludwick's encouragement and support a very enabling second blip.

We did not last very long in our ACT activism when we planned to return to Hawaii and care for parents getting on with age. Just before I could move, however, my Dad called in 'ten-four' at 94; Mom was quite fine with my other siblings that she did not encourage my projected relocation. It didn't matter since our ACT days appear to have been a bit on the naive side about the political posturing we encountered that surprisingly accompanied what we thought was just a simple gathering of colleagues into a circle of collegial trust and enlightened fellowship.

It was in last year's Don Farrell-led symposium on the 65th year of the Tinian A-pits that I ran into Roger. We had a pleasant encounter, he and his wife, and the conversation was ever lively since Roger was not known for being bashful about expressing his opinions. He was an active voice in matters related to the Retirement Fund, and I was then still facing the issue of my own "retirement."

Briefly, I am two years short of SS benefits. I paid five years worth of contribution into the CNMI Retirement Fund rather than fulfill the 10-year contribution requirement of the U.S. Social Security system. Upon diagnosis of cervical spondylosis early 2009, my principal pointed me to the medical retirement option. I checked out what it entailed. Forsaking the medical advice to remove a bone outgrowth, which the government insurance service were to pay for, documents from which would have established my eligibility for medical retirement, I sought instead alternative pain management associated with the degenerative osteoarthritis.

I was not being heroic. I was only too lucid that the Retirement Fund was reeling under its own blithe, though, callous indifference (Roger would say, "criminal"), and by choice, having come on island as a mendicant monastic, I was not comfortable adding more burden to what was evidently a soon-to-be beleaguered public fund. Besides, I was known to champion the cause of individual self-sufficiency, self-reliance, and self-confidence, and I was not about to rely on the performance of the Commonwealth's *Titanic*. Also, two years before, I had four days of gall bladder surgery at a hospital in Hawaii to the tune of $24K before I discovered there are less costly ways to dissolve the offending stones without resorting to the scalpel, so I decided to handle my own medical requirement. I resigned my PSS post.

"Big mistake," a colleague later mused. He opined that not only did I un-employ myself unnecessarily since I could not possibly expect to be rehired when my medical condition stabilized ("the system could hire two entry levels at your price," he said), I also let PSS off the hook re retirement. "BoE should give you an award for doing them a favor," he chuckled with his sardonic sense of humor.

Neither here nor there. I did want to bring the matter to Ludwick's attention (cc: RF watchers Bill Stewart, Ruth Tighe, Sappuro Rayphand), or check with Kilili's office and see if I can retrieve the CNMI's counterpart to my retirement contribution and apply it to the SS system, but that is academic since Gov-CNMI had not paid their part in the bargain. Besides, former deputy AG Gregory Baka was kind enough to remind me that U.S. governance is two-tiered sovereignty. Once the CNMI opted to forego the federal SS system, the twain was never to have a sane conversation ever again!

Well, retirement is front-page news these days, what with the feds discovering they had been paying out five years worth of benefits to long departed retirees. Chicago's labor leaders listed themselves into the retirement fund gravy train, and one GOP presidential candidate called the SS one big Ponzi operation (not altogether false).

Retired Roger was boarding an airplane recently when his heart gave out. Of the Roger I knew, I would expect him to say, "I've passed out after a few bottles of brew, made a pass at and passed on by a few; I've passed out petitions, and some into law, but when I go, don't say, 'He passed away.' Say, 'He died, and he knew!'"

I celebrate the completed life of Roger N. Ludwick, one, unique, unrepeatable gift of life into human history. There has never been one like him before, and there will never be another one like him ever again. *L'achaim!*

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Is paradise in shambles?

By JOHN DELROSARIO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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As an active journalist for over four decades, I was fortunate to have been right in the cusp of historical events here and throughout Micronesia. I could scribble a book on contemporary politics in the region, the follies of leadership, my saluting the brightest and best minds or cream of the crop. It was really a rare learning experience from folks with vision, eloquence, timeless wisdom, and foresight capable of seeing beyond the years. However, this personal assignment would come later.

But the dream of an island nation composed of the entire sea of islands Micronesia-wide quickly fizzled when reality set in: divvying money between state governments or wealthiest and poorest. There wasn't any room to resuscitate it. It died quickly in 1975 at what was the Micronesian Constitutional Convention. By then, the NMI was well on its way to securing its permanent political relationship with the U.S. In fact, President Ford signed off on U.S. law putting into motion the Covenant Agreement on the same year.

It was said that the NMI was different from the rest of Micronesia. If anything, it was the least strongest in its cultural traditions over her Micronesian peers. But it wasn't a scaffold used to bolt out of the Micronesian union. The lone ranger journey started in the '60s. That she opted to go it alone makes it a special case for the U.S. to demonstrate the benefits of a permanent relationship with the most powerful country in the world.

There were questions from inquiring minds about the wisdom of the relationship. Was it based on a genuine desire to be U.S. citizens ready to embrace the responsibilities of citizenship or was the motive other than real partnership? Not sure exactly what it was our elderly saw, but governance voted by over 78 percent to approve the Covenant Agreement that permanently established our political relationship with the feds. I still venture to assert that it was the elusive dollar we've chased since the '60s. We thought we've caught the dream under the terms and conditions of the agreement.

Consciously or otherwise, the reliance on the agreement for that elusive dollar became the tool that permanently trashed our traditional way of life of farming and fishing. We substituted it with public and private sector jobs. It was the easier means to hauling in the bacon over working the farm fields and the lagoon from dawn to dusk. So we adopted the money economy and headed out the front door in hopes of domesticating the challenges of modernity. Did we part with tradition a bit too hastily? Shouldn't we have given rock solid fundamentals on farming and fishing a chance? It's the only two resources we have had since time immemorial.

The dream of that elusive dollar providing for a chicken in every pot, two cars in the garage and attaining the "dream" hardly pan out. Take a glimpse around you and see what the simple folks in the villages have to say about life in what's supposed to be their paradise. Over a thousand folks have upped and gone to Guam, Hawaii, and the U.S. mainland in search of greener pasture. Obviously, they never found their dreams right here at home. Paradise has become their hellish hole. Misalignment of strengthening our democratic institutions drained their hopes and confidence in local leadership bringing them out of economic slavery.

Uncle Sam's special project was well intended though far removed from attaining the "dream." We're still confused, incapable of navigating the true responsibilities of self-government. We've made headway, though, fostering an understanding that government operations must be self-sustaining. But the drain of foreign capital in recent past has left a void so woefully hard to replace. We once boasted an annual budget upwards of $256 million that has spiraled downward to about $102 million this year.

Thus, the special project has failed in providing for a "progressively higher standard of living." It's equally our fault for chasing a dream based on superficial reliance on the hard earned nickels and dimes of U.S. taxpayers. No wonder it isn't sweet dreams but an apparent nightmare! We did it to ourselves too. Paradise is in shambles!

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The agreement included the application or non-application of constitutional laws or first principles that are at best, contradictory. For instance, every U.S. xitizen is guaranteed (under the Bill of Rights) the right to own property. But the agreement included Section 805 that alienates land, limiting ownership to the indigenous people. Where then is the spirit and substance of our rights as citizens to own property? Why would the equal protection clause be compromised? Is it a set up to take these issues on that meandering and long journey to the U.S. Supreme Court? Isn't the approval of Section 805 a violation of the U.S. Constitution? If so, did the U.S. Congress overreach its authority by literally amending the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution through Section 805 of the agreement? Procedural error?

The founding fathers should have set the record straight from the outset. This would have eliminated bigoted discussions among citizens who memorize their rights like the back of their hands but now pitted against a discriminatory provision. But this is where the new generation of leadership must step in to set the record straight once and for all with finality. It would grant us more room to work on beneficial networking with friends across the country via the two major parties and members of Congress. By then, the tenor of our discussion would focus on what would work in our favor by working alongside friends via fully established networking relationship. Believe it or not, it helps by leaps and bounds.

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To keep sanity in check, I would defer to good novels and read into the lively and descriptive language and poetic expressions of visionaries and their lasting literary contributions to mankind. This and a mix of humor take me through another day and that spiritual commitment at dawn. What a way to immerse one's self into timeless wisdom from Thomas Jefferson and James Madison in the writing of the U.S. Constitution to basic tenets about first principles from my favorite author Ayn Rand's *Atlas Struggle*. It's also a pleasantry delving into the plight of our Hawaiian brothers and sisters in their endless fight to return the dignity of their people from the historical wrong committed by the U.S. And the list goes on interminably. Have a good one this weekend.

Smell like a senior citizen

By SY ROSEN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Justin Bieber's line of perfume—for women—recently made its debut. He seems to know his market. One teenage girl gushed, "I love him! I love him! When I use the perfume, I feel him!" And it's not only Justin—I call him Justin although we travel in different universes. Last year, there were 69 new celebrity perfumes. There was Katy Perry's Purr, Beyonce's Heat and Jennifer Aniston's creatively named Jennifer Aniston.

It got me thinking that we seniors should have our own scents. These perfumes could help dispel some serious prejudices and stereotypes about older people. And, best of all, we can offer a senior discount. Here are a few possibilities:

Entitled: This complex mixture combines the aroma of freshly baked apple pie and sturdy, just-harvested Oklahoma cornstalks to produce an uplifting fragrance that embodies the American spirit and gives rise to the notion that we seniors worked for and earned our Social Security benefits. In addition, the slight hint of naproxen for arthritis, Razadyne for Alzheimer's and Lucentis for macular degeneration has an underlying subtlety that lets people know what is in store for them, and that everybody will eventually need Medicare. Of course, to keep this perfume real and honest, there also has to be the slight scent of fear that these entitlements might be taken away. This is derived from the sweat of a "tea party" member of Congress.

Power: When we worked, people valued our opinions and were a little intimidated by us. Now, they roll their eyes when we talk. With the combination of the scents of the lion, jaguar and alligator, we will regain that lost power. To that we also added hair follicles from Bill O'Reilly and Alec Baldwin, replicating their complete scents. This potent mixture says, "I am still powerful—and a little crazy."

Relevance: Most people think that older folks aren't relevant anymore, and that we don't know anything about the world, especially pop culture. Combining eau de rock concerts, tanning salons, vodka and prison cells will tell everyone that we are familiar with Snooki and Paris and Lindsay and the New York housewives and the mob wives and … hmmm, maybe relevance isn't that good.

Wisdom: For those who think we're losing it, one whiff of this stuff will change that! This fragrance is derived from a 200-year-old oak tree mixed with the powerful aroma of first editions by Chaucer, Shakespeare, Melville and Jennifer Egan (to show that we are hip). It tells the world that we not only understood "Inception," but we also managed to stay awake during "The Tree of Life." The cologne version contains the scents of the ancient Maya and Aztec civilizations, which were celebrated for their brilliance in mathematics. One spray and everyone will know that we spend 20 minutes talking to the bank teller not because we're lonely but because we have discovered a flaw in their complicated accounting system.

Inevitable: It's easy to dismiss seniors because everyone thinks getting older will never happen to them. Well, this perfume is designed specifically to counteract that feeling. It's a blend of baby powder, crayons, stale corporate offices, Rogaine and Fixodent to give the fragrance of a complete life and send the message that someday you too will get older. One whiff of the senior wearing this perfume and empathy will be the reigning emotion. To quote that classic Kiss song, "You are me. I am you. We are one."

Other senior scents on the drawing board are Beyond Bingo, Computers Are My Friend, Assertive Not Cranky and Speak Softer I Can Hear You.

Sy Rosen, who has written for The Bob Newhart Show, The Wonder Years, Frasier and other television shows, is a playwright in Los Angeles. He wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.

Letter to the Editor

No to just one version of the national anthem

This is in response to the "Chamorro or Carolinian version of CNMI anthem? Your choice" article, which was printed on the Sept. 21 issue of the *Saipan Tribune*. Personally, when I read the article, I felt like I was slapped left to right by our legislators, leaving their imprint on my cheeks, reverberating unfairness and ignorance on us, the Chamolinians. I firmly believe that our CNMI is confronting many serious predicaments that are crying out for solutions than to propose choices of our Commonwealth anthem. Let it be! Let it be! Whisper of wisdom; let it be! Representative Palacios' proposal to allow the Commonwealth anthem to be sung in either Chamorro or Carolinian version at the beginning of any ceremony is just outright ridiculous. I do not need to be a psychic to predict which version will be chosen when this is amended. The Chamolinians are indigenous people of our Commonwealth; thus both versions should be sung. "The Legislature concurs that whether the Commonwealth anthem is sung in Chamorro or Carolinian, the significance will remain unchanged in the hearts of our people," the bill findings say. Believe me—there will be a change in the hearts of our people, especially the Chamolinians, when their version, the Refalawasch, will be long forgotten. Please let us not forget that our Commonwealth anthem was written by our people. It was written as one anthem to be sung together to represent both people, so why the choice?

What and who is the Carolinian Affairs Office representing? The office needs to speak up and represent our interests. We need to have a say in this, and not let our legislators do what they conjure up in their offices as a need to change or amend. We are but a speck in our own land, and we have to push forth and not be trampled on. Will the next generation even know our version because we failed to speak up? Come on now! Let us not allow this to happen. Our Public School System mandates that students take the Chamorro and Carolinian language heritage studies and, given the diversity of races we have on our campuses, these students take this class. They learn both versions of the pledge of allegiance and our anthem. Now they get to choose which they would prefer? We are being inconsistent in teaching them what they should know that is important to us when they go into our communities. In consideration of all our people, I utterly disagree with what is being proposed. I may not be politically aware of the ins and outs of the process of bills, proposals, and whatnot; however, I know that this is unfair and inconsiderate to the Chamolinian people. I pray that the legislators dump this proposal in the bin and identify the more pressing issues we are facing as a Commonwealth to actually find better solutions than to come up with absurd proposals.

Thank you for your time and may God shine his grace on our legislators and office directors to forever whisper words of wisdom.

Brian Lee Reyes
Chalan Kanoa, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds around 10 mph in the morning becoming light.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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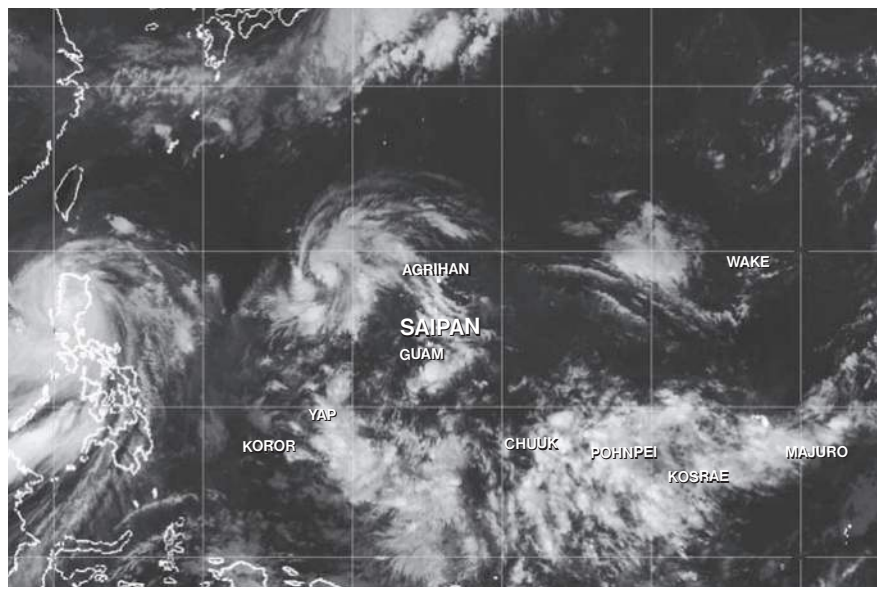
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Palau	Rain	▲86	▼78
Yap	Rain	▲84	▼77
Chuuk	Rain	▲82	▼75
Pohnpei	Rain	▲85	▼75
Kosrae	Rain	▲88	▼77
Majuro	Partly Sunny	▲86	▼76

Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲63	▼50
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼51
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲87	▼78
Honolulu	Sunny	▲88	▼77
London	Mostly Sunny	▲76	▼60
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼62
Manila	Thundershowers	▲84	▼81
Melbourne	Rain	▲70	▼54
Miami	Thundershowers	▲87	▼76
New York	Thundershowers	▲77	▼66
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲84	▼67
Paris	Sunny	▲79	▼55
Pusan	Windy	▲78	▼66
Rome	Sunny	▲86	▼59
Salem	Showers	▲71	▼48
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲77	▼61
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲79	▼65
Tokyo	Sunny	▲77	▼63
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲76	▼68

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

The monsoon trough enters the discussion area near 17N130E and extends to a tropical depression located near 18N138E then turns southeastward to a circulation located near 6N142E to end at 5N147E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the tropical depression can be found west of the Mariana Islands between 14N and 23N from 136E to 141E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the circulation are located over Yap state within 100 miles of a line that extends from 12N139E to 6N141E to 4N147E. Low-level convergence east of the monsoon trough is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over the Marianas between 11N and 18N from 144E to 148E. Trade-wind convergence is producing a large area of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between the equator and 10N from 151E to 164E and between 5N and 10N from 164E to 171E. This area covers Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae states as well as a portion of the Marshall Islands. A low-level trough is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms west of Wake Island between 18N and 22N from 157E to 162E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

1:49 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
7:57 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
2:09 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
7:53 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:06 AM	6:09 PM
Thursday	6:06 AM	6:08 PM
Friday	6:07 AM	6:08 PM
Saturday	6:07 AM	6:07 PM
Sunday	6:07 AM	6:06 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:31 AM	6:35 PM
Thursday	7:34 AM	7:27 PM
Friday	8:38 AM	8:21 PM
Saturday	9:42 AM	9:19 PM
Sunday	10:43 AM	10:17 PM

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DEPARTURES

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
C09314	2:20am	2:50am	1, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)			
C09315	4:25am	5:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C09315	4:25am	6:00am	1, 5 via ROP
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K386	5:50pm	6:40pm	4, 7
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily
5K382	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)			
5K212	8:20am	10:55am	3, 4, 7
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ119	4:00am	11:25am	Daily via KIX
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:05am	8:30am	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:15am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09317/191	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	9:55pm	Daily via NRT
C09313/183	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM
C09603/183	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM
C09603/193	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
5K168	9:45am	12:55pm	1, 5
C09603/179	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
C09315	5:30am	6:00am	1, 5
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
C09314	3:20am	3:55am	1, 5
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
C09314	2:20am	3:55am	1, 5 via ROP
C09316	2:45am	3:35am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
5K387	6:30am	7:20am	3, 7
C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K389	8:10am	9:00am	1, 5
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN			
5K213	11:55am	4:25pm	3, 4, 7
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:05pm	12:45am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:45am	12:45am+1	Daily via NRT
C0190/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0192/9596	9:55pm	7:25am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
C0184/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
C0184/9596	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ724/603	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
5K169	2:20pm	9:25pm	1, 5
C0180/9596	10:30pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
C0180/9596	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1 via GUM

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

CNMI Preparedness Expo

Photos by CLARISSA V. DAVID

▲ Acting governor Eloy S. Inos poses with members of the U.S. Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary at the CNMI Preparedness Expo on Sept. 24.

▲ Emergency Management Office staff assist acting governor Eloy S. Inos at their booth.

▲ Environmental technician Chris Tomokane of the Division of Environmental Quality shows a young boy how to use a mask.

▲ A Japanese family checks out the booths of Department of Public Safety Tactical Response Enforcement Team and Explosive Response Team.

► The CNMI Community Emergency Response Team draws spectators to their booth.

◄ Community members avail of the free blood sugar and blood pressure screenings at the event.

◄ A young boy gets his face painted at the Red Cross booth.

► Officer 2 Jesse Castro of the Commonwealth Ports Authority Elite K-9 Unit holds Lobster by a leash as Sgt. Mark Toves looks on during the unit's live demonstration.

Business

HR MATTERS

Things don't look good. What should we do now?

By FRANK GIBSON
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TIRBUNE

Question from more than one person: My employees have attended the Transitional Worker Outreach meetings and came back with questions about their future that I can't really answer. Some of my employees I will have to let go, some will stay—right now it's uncertain. What can I do?

I have had this or similar situations and questions posed to me by many employers, and also the corresponding employee questions. What can the employer do now? What should an employee be doing? I don't have an answer that will solve all of the problems related to our current situation—no one does. It does no good to say that we should have all anticipated this, with or without the final rule, for which we all waited these past two years. It does no good to ask why it took so long to get the regulation out to us. All that I can do at this time is make some recommendations.

First—If you haven't yet personally attended one of the outreach programs—do so, whether employer or employee. There are still daily opportunities through Thursday of this week. Mr. Gulick and his USCIS staff have been putting in long hours to educate employees and employers about the CW-1 process and to answer questions. Go and hear the information yourself—ask your questions—decide what you are going to do and get to work. If you are an employer, start preparing your company and your employees for what will happen after Nov. 27. If you are an employee, start preparing yourself and your family, depending upon what your personal status will be after Nov. 27. Keep yourself informed of any changes by reading the papers, especially the articles by attorneys Maya Kara and Bruce Mailman.

After that general guidance, let me say that these next several months are going to be difficult for the community and its citizens, both U.S. and non-U.S. Anyone who contemplates the disruption of life that is going to occur to so many of our friends, neighbors, co-workers, and their families will have to be saddened by the thought. There are already many workers without jobs and others that will not be sponsored by their current employers. There will also be those who will be displaced from their work by U.S. workers. Many thousands will be in an unlawful status after Nov. 27. Many will go home to uncertain futures. Children, even some U.S.-citizen children, will be forced to leave school and have to adapt to a foreign system.

So, what can we do? Let me limit that to what can and should employers and their HR staff do? What should they do during these next two months as they determine the future of their companies, decide who they will petition to stay and who not, advertise positions and interview prospective applicants and replacements for their current workers?

In business and human resource terms, companies are going into a period of change that needs to be managed properly to minimize the stress on their employees and the effect on their businesses. Although I will use the term "change," it in no way adequately describes the effect the upcoming disruptions will have on personal lives, company business or the integrity of the community. Having said that, what does the company do? The challenge will be for the employer and their HR staff to properly manage the change. This requires them to:

- Recognize that the change is going to happen and no miracle is going to occur.
- Determine who the change will affect and to what extent.
- Communicate the upcoming change to all employees, whether directly or indirectly affected.
- Be concerned with the human side of the change and how their employees will be affected.
- Implement the change in a way that minimizes the affect on the employee and the business.
- Live up to the company's obligation to its affected employees.

If you Google-up change management, you won't find it described in this fashion. This is my version that tries to simplify more complicated versions to fit our situation. One major difference is that what is occurring to the CNMI is not just an internal retooling or reshuffling. It's more like a shutdown or major reduction-in-force. To some extent, it will be like what will eventually happen to U.S.-workers when the government finally addresses its employment issues, but with one major difference—the affected employees will not be able to remain in the neighborhood and look for another job.

Assuming that the employer has looked ahead and planned for this moment, they should know what the changes will be. If they have not, it's certainly past time do so. Management and HR need to be fully aware of how the change will be implemented and what their roles will be. Transparency and communication are vital. It is unfair to hide your intentions from the employees. Let them know immediately what your plans for them are. Are you petitioning them for a CW-1, H1-B, or other visa? Tell them, so they can plan also. If you can't know for sure until after the advertisement and interviews for their jobs—tell them that, and then get the process completed so that you can give them a definite answer. Don't lie to them and don't create false expectations that can't be met and will delay their coming to grips with, and preparing for, the change.

Keeping affected employees informed allows them to exercise some control over their lives and their futures and to make plans and decisions. If you hide information and planned actions from them, their lack of knowledge will lead to stress, fears and resentment that will destroy the working relationship that may have taken years to build. Additionally, it prevents them from planning and preparing for a major change in their lives.

This is a very personal and stressful situation. Someone in management should talk personally with each employee, explain why this is occurring and give them a chance to express their feelings. This may just be a stress reliever, more than anything that will cause a change, but the employee should have that opportunity. They may, in fact, have an argument or information that might change an earlier decision. Management and HR must work to alleviate the affect this will have on employees. The "loss curve" of shock, anger, rejection, acceptance, and healing applies in this situation. Employees will be depressed, maybe angry and will need your help in getting through it to the acceptance stage. Any healing will probably be much later.

Don't forget those employees who are U.S. workers or those workers who will be petitioned. They need to be helped in adjusting to the loss of friends and co-workers and in any modifications to their work requirements to make up for the losses. If new employees are hired, it's important that they be brought into the company with positive expectations, that they be accepted and that no one blame them for the loss of the former employees. The employer must ensure that their business continues to operate successfully.

The employer and the HR staff should handle all phases of out-processing in a dignified and respectful manner. All obligations must be met, financial or otherwise. Assist employees in preparing for their travel home, if that is the situation. Do not encourage anyone to overstay in hopes of a change. Once their status ends there are penalties for overstaying that might affect their ability to return in the future.

There is no way that I can overemphasize how difficult the handling of the many changes coming up in the next few months will be. Every manager, HR staff, fellow worker, and fellow member of the community should do everything possible to make this transition as easy and as low-stress as possible.

Did I mention that appreciation should be expressed to every worker and family member, with heartfelt sincerity, for the work performed, the contribution to the CNMI community and the sharing of many years of their lives? Please don't overlook that.

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Nation

Fed govt shutdown averted

WASHINGTON (AP)—Ending weeks of political brinkmanship, Congress finessed a dispute over disaster aid Monday night and advanced legislation to avoid a partial government shutdown only days away.

The agreement ensured there would be no interruption in assistance to areas battered by disasters such as Hurricane Irene and last spring's tornadoes in Joplin, Mo., and also that the government would be able to run normally when the new budget year begins on Saturday.

The Senate approved the resolution after a day of behind-the-scenes talks and occasionally biting debate, spelling an end to the latest in a string of standoffs between Democrats and Republicans over deficits, spending and taxes. Those fights have rattled financial markets and coincided with polls showing congressional approval ratings at historically low levels

The breakthrough came hours after the Federal Emergency Management Agency indicated it had enough money for disaster relief efforts through Friday. That disclosure allowed lawmakers to jettison a $1 billion replenishment that had been included in the measure—and to crack the gridlock it had caused.

The Democratic-controlled Senate approved the measure on a bipartisan vote of 79-12, sending it to the Republican-controlled House for a final sign-off.

AP

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky walks to the floor as the Senate prepares to vote on a short-term funding measure that includes dollars for disaster relief without an offsetting spending cut elsewhere, as demanded by the GOP-controlled House, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Monday, Sept. 26 2011.

There was no immediate comment from House GOP leaders, although their approval for the measure seemed a mere formality after the party's Senate leader agreed to it.

."This compromise should satisfy Republicans...and it should satisfy Democrats," said Senate Majority leader Harry Reid, who added that Budget Director Jacob Lew had informed him that FEMA did not need any additional funding to meet its needs for the final few days of the budget year.

"It's a win for everyone," declared Reid, who had spent much of the past few weeks accusing Republicans of choosing to heed the wishes of tea party adherents rather than the needs of their own constituents battered by acts of nature.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said it was a "reasonable way to keep the government operational."

But he got in a final jab at Democrats, noting that the disaster funds sought by the Obama administration and its allies in Congress were now known to be unneeded.

"In my view, this entire fire drill was completely unnecessary," he said.

Obama defends push to raise taxes on rich

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP)—Inviting questions, President Barack Obama got one he was happy to answer.

"Would you please raise my taxes?" one man asked the president Monday at a town hall hosted by the social networking company LinkedIn.

The questioner described himself as unemployed by choice after succeeding at a search-engine startup company that did "quite well"—he was later identified as former Google executive Doug Edwards—and said he wants the nation to spend more on education, infrastructure and job training. That gave Obama a chance to promote his nearly $450 billion jobs plan that would be paid for by higher taxes opposed by Republicans but not, evidently, by some of Silicon Valley's wealthiest.

"I appreciate the fact that you recognize that we're in this thing together. We're not on our own," Obama said. "Those of us who have been successful, we've always got to remember that."

In a session dominated by economic concerns, the president plugged his jobs agenda in fielding questions on the employment picture, education, Medicare and Social Security. The president spoke midway through a three-state Western swing built largely around fundraising for himself and other Democrats.

ACROSS THE NATION

Strauss-Kahn asks NY court to dismiss maid's suit

NEW YORK (AP)—Dominique Strauss-Kahn claimed Monday he has diplomatic immunity and asked a New York court to dismiss a lawsuit filed by the hotel maid who says he sexually assaulted her. Attorneys for the former International Monetary Fund leader filed the motion in a Bronx court, arguing judges there do not have the ability to try the case, because Strauss-Kahn's time as head of the fund gives him immunity from the litigation.

Activists say they set fire at Idaho fur seller

BOISE, Idaho (AP)—Animal rights activists said they pumped fuel into an Idaho fur and fireworks retailer before setting the place ablaze early Monday, and federal agents said they were taking the claim seriously. Jerry Vlasak, a spokesman for the North American Animal Liberation Press Office in Los Angeles, said he received a message from activists shortly after the fire began at the Rocky Mountain Fireworks & Fur Co., on Monday morning.

Jewelers want states to replace limits on cadmium

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The U.S jewelry industry wants states to overturn laws that limit the toxic metal cadmium in children's trinkets and adopt new voluntary guidelines it helped create, saying stricter rules in several states create chaos for manufacturers and importers. Persuading legislators to reopen the issue won't be an easy sell: Many consumer and environmental advocates say the new guidelines weaken protection of children's health.

Asia

Huge floods hit Manila as typhoon batters PH

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Massive flooding hit the Philippine capital on Tuesday as typhoon winds and rains isolated the historic old city where residents waded in waist-deep waters, dodging tree branches and debris. At least seven people were killed.

Authorities ordered more than 100,000 people across the country to shelter from Typhoon Nesat's rains and wind gusts of up to 106 miles (170 kilometers) per hour. Schools and offices were shuttered, and thousands were stranded by grounded flights and ferries kept in ports.

The typhoon made landfall before dawn over eastern mountainous provinces of Isabela and Aurora, which face the Pacific Ocean, then headed inland through farmlands north of Manila, the government weather bureau said. It was packing sustained winds of 87 mph (140 kph).

The first reported death was a 1 year old who drowned in the central island province of Cataduanes after falling into a river, the government disaster agency reported. As the typhoon moved into Manila, a mother and child were killed after their house was hit by a falling tree in the suburb of Caloocan, and four were reported killed by a collapsing wall in the suburb of Valenzuela.

Four fishermen were missing while more than 50 others were rescued along eastern shores after their boats overturned in choppy seas. Forecasters warned of 12-foot-high (4-meter-high) waves.

AP

People walk along a flooded street in Navotas, north of Manila, Philippines Tuesday Sept. 27, 2011 as Typhoon Nesat hits the country.

Along downtown Manila's baywalk, cars and buses were stuck and residents waded through floodwaters as waves as high as palm trees washed over the seawall, turning a six-lane highway into a huge brown river.

Sidewalks and entrances to buildings were swamped and vehicles struggled to navigate the narrow streets.

Manila Hospital moved patients from its ground floor, where waters were neck-deep, spokeswoman Evangeline Morales said. Hospital generators were flooded and the building had no power since early Tuesday.

Visibility in the city was poor, with pounding rains obscuring the view. Emergency workers were evacuating river areas in the city that are notorious for flooding.

An Associated Press photographer said soldiers and police in trucks were moving thousands of residents, mostly women and children, from the Baseco shanty facing Manila port after many houses were washed away. Male family members were reluctant to leave saying they wanted to guard their property.

Residents in one neighborhood of Quezon City, a Manila suburb, were fleeing their homes due to rising water from the nearby San Mateo River, radio reported.

In the financial district of Makati, a billboard fell on two cars and a bus, causing injuries.

With its immense 400-mile (650-kilometer) cloud band, the typhoon threatened to foul weather across the entire main island of Luzon as it moves across the Philippines toward the South China Sea late Wednesday or early Thursday toward southern China.

Heavy downpours and winds prompted the closure of government offices, schools and universities in the capital, while scores of domestic flights were canceled and inter-island ferries grounded, stranding thousands. The Philippine Stock Exchange and U.S. Embassy were also closed Tuesday. Waters at the gates of the embassy compound, which is located along Manila Bay, reached chest-deep.

A tornado in Isabela's Maconancon town ripped off the roofs of at least five houses, injuring two people, police said.

Power was cut in many parts of Luzon, including in Manila, where hospitals, hotels and emergency services used generators. Tree branches and torn tarpaulins littered the flooded streets. Traffic was light as most people stayed indoors.

About 112,000 people were ordered to leave their homes in five towns prone to flash floods and landslides in central Albay province. By Monday, more than 50,000 had moved to government-run evacuation centers and relatives' homes, officials said.

Attack on Kabul CIA office kills agency contractor

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—An Afghan working for the U.S. government killed a CIA contractor and wounded another American in an attack on the intelligence agency's office in Kabul, officials said Monday, making it the latest in a series of high-profile attacks this month on U.S. targets.

The incident marked the most recent in a growing number of attacks this year by Afghans working with international forces in the country. Some assailants have turned out to be Taliban sleeper agents, while others have been motivated by personal grievances.

The assailant in Sunday evening's shooting was killed, and it was not yet clear if he acted alone or if he belonged to an insurgent group.

A U.S. official in Washington said the Afghan attacker was providing security to the CIA office and that the American who died was working as a contractor for the CIA. The official requested anonymity because he was speaking about intelligence matters.

The CIA declined to comment.

Gunfire was first heard sometime after 8 p.m. local time around the former Ariana Hotel, a building that ex-U.S. intelligence officials said is the CIA station in Kabul. The spy agency occupied the heavily secured building, which is just blocks away from the Afghan presidential palace, in late 2001 after the U.S.-led invasion that toppled the Taliban.

The U.S. Embassy acknowledged that an Afghan employee of the complex carried out the attack.

"The motivation for the attack is still under investigation," the embassy said in a statement.

Embassy spokesman Gavin Sundwall declined to comment on what the targeted annex was used for, citing security reasons. Sundwall said the Afghan employee was not authorized to carry a weapon, and it was not clear how the man was able to get a gun into the secured compound.

The embassy did not provide information on the American who was killed, and said the person wounded in the shooting was taken to a military hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening. It said the embassy has "resumed business operations."

The attack came less than two weeks after militants fired rocket-propelled grenades and assault rifles at the U.S. Embassy, NATO headquarters and other buildings in Kabul, killing seven Afghans. No embassy or NATO staff members were hurt in the 20-hour assault. But it plunged U.S.-Pakistan relations to new lows as U.S. officials accused Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence agency of supporting insurgents in planning and executing the Sept. 13 attack.

Nearly 80 American soldiers were wounded and two Afghan civilians were killed in a truck bombing targeting an American base in eastern Afghanistan on Sept. 10. American officials also blamed that attack on insurgents from the Haqqani network who are allegedly supported by Pakistani intelligence. Senior Pakistani officials reject the allegations.

Sunday's assault also follows closely on last week's assassination of former Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani, who was leading a government effort to broker peace with the Taliban. He was killed when an insurgent claiming to be a peace emissary detonated a bomb hidden in his turban upon meeting Rabbani.

President Hamid Karzai called Rabbani's death a "big loss" and said greater security measures should be taken to protect top Afghan figures, including religious clerics and tribal leaders. A government spokesman said the man who brought the suicide bomber to Kabul has been arrested.

NATO bases and embassies have ramped up security following a number of attacks over the past year by Afghan security forces against their counterparts. Since March 2009, the coalition has recorded at least 20 incidents where a member of the Afghan security forces or someone wearing a uniform used by them killed coalition forces. Thirty-six coalition troops have died in the attacks. It is not known how many of the 282,000 members of the Afghan security forces were killed.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Amnesty: Most casualties in Thai south civilian

BANGKOK (AP)—Amnesty International is calling on Muslim guerrillas in Thailand's southern border provinces to stop targeting civilians. The London-based rights group says that noncombatants have accounted for two-thirds of the nearly 5,000 people killed since insurgents took up arms in 2004. Bomb blasts or shootings are reported every few days in the far south, and the London-based rights group says many of the attacks constitute war crimes that should be prosecuted under international law.

Militants kill 6, wound 5 in Philippine attack

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine military says al-Qaida-linked militants have killed a soldier and five villagers and wounded five others in an attack in a restive southern island province. Provincial military commander Col. Alex Macario says Abu Sayyaf gunmen attacked the homes of pro-government militiamen outside Sumisip township on Basilan Island before dawn Tuesday. Macario says the militants killed a soldier, one militiaman and four villagers and wounded five other residents.

Pakistan bus crash kills 26 children, 2 teachers

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Police say at least 26 school children and two teachers have been killed in a bus accident in Pakistan. The bus was returning from a school trip to a salt mine popular with tourists when it plunged into a ditch late Monday. Police officer Irshad Hussein says 40 other people on the bus were injured. The accident happened in Kalar Kahar, around 160 kilometers east of the capital Islamabad. Pakistan has one of the worlds worst records for deadly traffic accidents, blamed on poor roads, badly maintained vehicles and reckless driving.

Taiwan man sets himself alight in protest

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—A Taiwanese man set himself on fire near the presidential office in downtown Taipei on Tuesday to protest actions taken by the island's judiciary. A police statement said the man, surnamed Tseng, stepped from a van parked near a pedestrian mall abutting the presidential office at about 7 a.m., and set himself alight after dousing himself in gasoline. The statement said the van contained many letters accusing Taiwan's judiciary of unfairness, but did not elaborate. Police said Tseng was hospitalized with third-degree burns.

World

UN council to take up Palestinian bid Wednesday

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The U.N. Security Council will meet Wednesday to start the process of formally considering the Palestinian request for membership in the world body, the council president said Monday.

Lebanese Ambassador Nawaf Salam, who holds this month's rotating presidency, made a brief appearance before reporters Monday and issued a statement in English and Arabic. He said the council had met Monday afternoon and decided to take up a decision on referring the issue for further consideration in two days. That will consist of forming a committee to study the Palestinian submission.

The United States has said it would use its Security Council veto to block Palestinian membership should the measure receive the necessary nine of 15 votes. That would keep the membership bid from moving forward to the 193-member General Assembly for the needed two-thirds vote. A vote in the Security Council was not expected for weeks, at the least.

U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity to describe confidential diplomacy, said Monday they were telling fellow council members that there's no rush to act on the bid submitted Friday over U.S. and Israeli objections. The U.S. is also seeking cooperation from other members in persuading the Palestinians not to push for a quick vote.

AP

A Palestinian holds a sign depicting caricatures of German Chancellor Angela Merkel, US President Obama and French President Nicolas Sarkozy during a protest against the UN Security Council meeting, in the West Bank city of Ramallah, Monday, Sept. 26, 2011.

The U.S. hopes that going slow may allow Israeli-Palestinian peace talks to resume without a confrontation at the world body.

Earlier Monday, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton met with Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Makati at the U.N. to make the U.S. argument. Lebanon, the only Arab member of the 15-member Council, is expected to support the Palestinian bid.

Senior U.S. officials said Clinton had made separate, similar calls to the foreign ministers of Colombia and China, both of which hold council seats.

The Palestinian envoy to the U.N. Riyad Mansour said he was grateful to Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon for quickly forwarding the request to the Security Council. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on Friday submitted the application that Palestine become the United Nations' 194th member.

"We hope it will lead to fast action in positively recognizing that Palestine be admitted," Mansour said.

But he admitted that several countries would be coming "under tremendous pressure" not to recognize Palestine as a state and said the Palestinians are sending high-level delegations in the coming days to Bosnia, Gabon and Nigeria—all council members—to elicit support for their bid.

Mansour said that the Palestinian leadership will be meeting Wednesday on a subsequent statement by the Quartet of Mideast peacemakers—the U.S., European Union, Russia and U.N.—calling for a resumption of peace talks without preconditions within a month and a target for a final agreement by the end of 2012.

Israel and the United States oppose the move to grant U.N. membership to the Palestinians and consider it a step back from long-stalled peace talks, and the U.S. has said it will veto a resolution recommending membership.

Nonetheless, diplomats said the council is moving ahead—as it does with all applications it receives. The Palestinians have demanded that there be no politically motivated delays.

The council will hold a formal meeting Wednesday to transmit the bid to a committee on admission of new members which includes all 15 council nations, diplomats said, speaking on condition of anonymity because consultations have been private.

A German diplomat speaking on background because the talks were private, said the council had at least reached consensus on the next steps to take, but noted the political focus would now be on the Quartet's efforts.

South Africa may block Dalai Lama visit to Tutu

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—South African officials may block the Dalai Lama from celebrating the 80th birthday of his friend and fellow Nobel Peace Laureate, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, amid fears that Chinese pressure is trumping the country's much-vaunted policies on freedom of speech and human rights.

South African newspapers are already drawing parallels between the situations of Tibetans under Chinese rule and black South Africans under the racist apartheid regime that ended in 1994. The tensions over the Dalai Lama's visa application also are a sign of how powerful China's influence has grown in Africa.

"Our leadership has a clear choice: to look deep into the African soul and emulate (Nelson) Mandela's actions by extending a hand of friendship, while at the same time understanding that it won't, in fact, have any real impact on our relations with China," said an editorial in the Daily Maverick.

"Or, once again to yield as the people who will submit to the will of another nation, to constrict our spirit and our standing as a moral society, and close our doors on a genuine man of peace and the justified hopes of his people."

The Dalai Lama is to deliver the inaugural Desmond Tutu International Peace lecture, titled "Peace and compassion as catalyst for change," as part of the Oct. 6-8 birthday celebrations for Tutu.

The center that invited the Dalai Lama says he first tried to apply for a visa in June but was told it was too far ahead of his trip. Later South African officials said they couldn't process the visa with a photocopied passport of the Buddhist icon and had to wait for him to submit his original document.

"We've sent letters, following up on a daily basis with phone calls and still are in a situation where there is no response and it's getting us much more anxious," said Nomfundo Wazala, CEO of the Desmond Tutu Peace Centre that has invited the Dalai Lama to South Africa. "We have been patient, but we really feel at this point in time we deserve an answer."

The Dalai Lama fled the Himalayan region in 1959 amid an abortive uprising against Chinese rule and is reviled by Beijing as a separatist. China says Tibet has always been part of its territory, but many Tibetans say the region was virtually independent for centuries.

The 76-year-old leader insists he is only seeking increased autonomy for Tibet, not independence. He gave up his political role in the Tibetan exile movement in March, but he remains its spiritual head, beloved by Buddhists around the world.

The Dalai Lama was welcomed to South Africa on his first visit in 1996 and had a memorable visit with the country's first black and democratically elected president, Nelson Mandela.

But in 2009, the South African government outraged many by banning the Dalai Lama from attending a Nobel laureates' peace conference, saying it would detract attention from the 2010 soccer World Cup.

Libyan justice minister: Lockerbie case 'closed'

LONDON (AP)—Scotland has asked Libya's new authorities to help track down those responsible for the 1988 Lockerbie airplane bombing, but the country's transitional justice minister told reporters Monday "the case is closed."

In Tripoli, Mohammed al-Alagi noted that the only person charged with the bombing—former Libyan intelligence officer Abdel Baset al-Megrahi—was freed on compassionate grounds in 2009 because of illness.

There is no reason to keep dragging the case into court, al-Alagi said.

Britain's Foreign Office, however, stressed late Monday that Libyan authorities have assured Prime Minister David Cameron that they would cooperate with the United Kingdom in the investigation.

"Having spoken with the National Transitional Council this evening, we understand that this remains the case," the Foreign Office said in a statement in response to al-Alagi's remarks.

The Scottish prosecutors' office said Monday it had written to the National Transitional Council asking for written evidence and witnesses that could aid the inquiry into the bombing of the New York-bound Pan Am plane over the Scottish town killed 270 people, most of them American.

The investigation "remains an open inquiry," it said.

Scottish authorities have said that al-Megrahi's trial had found that he "acted in furtherance of the Libyan intelligence services in an act of state-sponsored terrorism and did not act alone."

He was sentenced to life in jail in 2001, but released after doctors said he was dying of prostate cancer and estimated he had three months to live.

He remains alive, though reportedly in poor health, in Tripoli. His release infuriated the families of many Lockerbie victims.

U.S. senators in New York have asked Libya's transitional government to hold al-Megrahi fully accountable for the Pan Am bombing by sending him back to prison.

The bombing remains Britain's worst terrorist attack.

WORLD BRIEFS

Russian finance minister out after Medvedev spat

MOSCOW (AP)—Russia's influential finance minister was forced out Monday following a televised confrontation with President Dmitry Medvedev, who had angrily demanded that Alexei Kudrin immediately explain his criticism of Medvedev's policies or resign. The open conflict within Russia's leadership follows the announcement over the weekend that Prime Minister Vladimir Putin plans to return to the presidency next year and Medvedev would then take his old job as prime minister. Russia will have a presidential vote in March, but Putin is sure to win.

Jamaica's departing PM meets with Cabinet members

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)—Jamaica's departing prime minister met privately with his Cabinet colleagues Monday as the Caribbean country's governing party looked for a new chief to lead them into next year's general elections. Prime Minister Bruce Golding has made no public comments since he and the Jamaica Labor Party announced Sunday that he is stepping down after four years in office. They said Golding would formally resign once a new party leader is chosen in an internal election expected in November.

Argentine blast kills woman, hurts 9; gas blamed

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)—An explosion wrecked two homes, a business and several cars early Monday, killing a woman and injuring nine people on the outskirts of Argentina's capital. Early reports by some witnesses that they had seen a ball of fire fall from the sky around the time of the 2 a.m. explosion caused a sensation, but authorities said later that evidence pointed to an explosion of leaking gas. Officials said a search by the more than 100 police and others turned up a canister of natural gas with a poor connection to a pizza oven.

Bolivia president suspends construction of highway

RURRENABAQUE, Bolivia (AP)—Bolivia's president late Monday suspended a planned Amazon highway that has sparked clashes between police and Indians who say the road would despoil a nature preserve that is home to thousands of natives. President Evo Morales also distanced himself from the decision to break up a protest march Sunday. His announcement came hours after police released hundreds of activists when mobs of local people blocked roads and an airport to prevent the detainees from being taken out of the area.

Focus

The American 'allergy' to global warming: Why?

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In this July 15, 2011 photo, atop roughly two miles of ice, technician Marie McLane launches a data-transmitting weather balloon at Summit Station, a remote research site operated by the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF), and situated 10,500 feet above sea level, on top of the Greenland ice sheet.

AP

Editor's Note: *Climate change has already provoked debate in a U.S. presidential campaign barely begun. An Associated Press journalist draws on decades of climate reporting to offer a retrospective and analysis on global warming and the undying urge to deny.*

NEW YORK (AP)—Tucked between treatises on algae and prehistoric turquoise beads, the study on page 460 of a long-ago issue of the U.S. journal *Science* drew little attention.

"I don't think there were any newspaper articles about it or anything like that," the author recalls.

But the headline on the 1975 report was bold: "Are We on the Brink of a Pronounced Global Warming?" And this article that coined the term may have marked the last time a mention of "global warming" didn't set off an instant outcry of angry denial.

In the paper, Columbia University geoscientist Wally Broecker calculated how much carbon dioxide would accumulate in the atmosphere in the coming 35 years, and how temperatures consequently would rise. His numbers have proven almost dead-on correct. Meanwhile, other powerful evidence poured in over those decades, showing the "greenhouse effect" is real and is happening. And yet resistance to the idea among many in the U.S. appears to have hardened.

What's going on?

"The desire to disbelieve deepens as the scale of the threat grows," concludes economist-ethicist Clive Hamilton.

He and others who track what they call "denialism" find that its nature is changing in America, last redoubt of climate naysayers. It has taken on a more partisan, ideological tone. Polls find a widening Republican-Democratic gap on climate. Republican presidential candidate Rick Perry even accuses climate scientists of lying for money. Global warming looms as a debatable question in yet another U.S. election campaign.

From his big-windowed office overlooking the wooded campus of the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory in Palisades, N.Y., Broecker has observed this deepening of the desire to disbelieve.

"The opposition by the Republicans has gotten stronger and stronger," the 79-year-old "grandfather of climate science" said in an interview. "But, of course, the push by the Democrats has become stronger and stronger, and as it has become a more important issue, it has become more polarized."

The solution: "Eventually it'll become damned clear that the Earth is warming and the warming is beyond anything we have experienced in millions of years, and people will have to admit..." He stopped and laughed.

"Well, I suppose they could say God is burning us up."

The basic physics of anthropogenic—manmade—global warming has been clear for more than a century, since researchers proved that carbon dioxide traps heat. Others later showed CO2 was building up in the atmosphere from the burning of coal, oil and other fossil fuels. Weather stations then filled in the rest: Temperatures were rising.

"As a physicist, putting CO2 into the air is good enough for me. It's the physics that convinces me," said veteran Cambridge University researcher Liz Morris. But she said work must go on to refine climate data and computer climate models, "to convince the deeply reluctant organizers of this world."

The reluctance to rein in carbon emissions revealed itself early on.

In the 1980s, as scientists studied Greenland's buried ice for clues to past climate, upgraded their computer models peering into the future, and improved global temperature analyses, the fossil-fuel industries were mobilizing for a campaign to question the science.

By 1988, NASA climatologist James Hansen could appear before a U.S. Senate committee and warn that global warming had begun, a dramatic announcement later confirmed by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a new, U.N.-sponsored network of hundreds of international scientists.

But when Hansen was called back to testify in 1989, the White House of President George H.W. Bush edited this government scientist's remarks to water down his conclusions, and Hansen declined to appear.

That was the year U.S. oil and coal interests formed the Global Climate Coalition to combat efforts to shift economies away from their products. Britain's Royal Society and other researchers later determined that oil giant Exxon disbursed millions of dollars annually to think tanks and a handful of supposed experts to sow doubt about the facts.

By Anne R. Carey and Paul Trap, USA TODAY

In 1997, two years after the IPCC declared the "balance of evidence suggests a discernible human influence on global climate," the world's nations gathered in Kyoto, Japan, to try to do something about it. The naysayers were there as well.

"The statement that we'll have continued warming with an increase in CO2 is opinion, not fact," oil executive William F. O'Keefe of the Global Climate Coalition insisted to reporters in Kyoto.

The late Bert Bolin, then IPCC chief, despaired.

"I'm not really surprised at the political reaction," the Swedish climatologist told The Associated Press. "I am surprised at the way some of the scientific findings have been rejected in an unscientific manner."

In fact, a document emerged years later showing that the industry coalition's own scientific team had quietly advised it that the basic science of global warming was indisputable.

Kyoto's final agreement called for limited rollbacks in greenhouse emissions. The United States didn't even join in that. And by 2000, the CO2 built up in the atmosphere to 369 parts per million—just 4 ppm less than Broecker predicted—compared with 280 ppm before the industrial revolution.

Global temperatures rose as well, by 0.6 degrees C (1.1 degrees F) in the 20th century. And the mercury just kept rising. The decade 2000-2009 was the warmest on record, and 2010 and 2005 were the warmest years on record.

Satellite and other monitoring, meanwhile, found nights were warming faster than days, and winters more than summers, and the upper atmosphere was cooling while the lower atmosphere warmed—all clear signals greenhouse warming was at work, not some other factor.

The impact has been widespread. An authoritative study this August reported that hundreds of species are retreating toward the poles, egrets showing up in southern England, American robins in Eskimo villages. Some, such as polar bears, have nowhere to go. Eventual large-scale extinctions are feared.

The heat is cutting into wheat yields, nurturing beetles that are destroying northern forests, attracting malarial mosquitoes to higher altitudes.

From the Rockies to the Himalayas, glaciers are shrinking, sending ever more water into the world's seas. Because of accelerated melt in Greenland and elsewhere, the eight-nation Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program projects ocean levels will rise 90 to 160 centimeters (35 to 63 inches) by 2100, threatening coastlines everywhere.

"We are scared, really and truly," diplomat Laurence Edwards, from the Pacific's Marshall Islands, told the AP before the 1997 Kyoto meeting.

Today in his low-lying home islands, rising seas have washed away shoreline graveyards, saltwater has invaded wells, and islanders desperately seek aid to build a seawall to shield their capital.

The oceans are turning more acidic, too, from absorbing excess carbon dioxide. Acidifying seas will harm plankton, shellfish and other marine life up the food chain. Biologists fear the world's coral reefs, home to much ocean life and already damaged from warmer waters, will largely disappear in this century.

The greatest fears may focus on "feedbacks" in the Arctic, warming twice as fast as the rest of the world.

The Arctic Ocean's summer ice cap has shrunk by half and is expected to essentially vanish by 2030 or 2040, the U.S. National Snow and Ice Data Center reported Sept. 15. Ashore, meanwhile, the Arctic tundra's permafrost is thawing and releasing methane, a powerful greenhouse gas.

These changes will feed on themselves: Released methane leads to warmer skies, which will release more methane. Ice-free Arctic waters absorb more of the sun's heat than do reflective ice and snow, and so melt will beget melt. The frozen Arctic is a controller of Northern Hemisphere climate; an unfrozen one could upend age-old weather patterns across continents.

In the face of years of scientific findings and growing impacts, the doubters persist. They ignore long-term trends and seize on insignificant year-to-year blips in data to claim all is well. They focus on minor mistakes in thousands of pages of peer-reviewed studies to claim all is wrong. And they carom from one explanation to another for today's warming Earth: jet contrails, sunspots, cosmic rays, natural cycles.

"Ninety-eight percent of the world's climate scientists say it's for real, and yet you still have deniers," observed former U.S. Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, a New York Republican who chaired the House's science committee.

Christiana Figueres, Costa Rican head of the U.N.'s post-Kyoto climate negotiations, finds it "very, very perplexing, this apparent allergy that there is in the United States. Why?"

The Australian scholar Hamilton sought to explain why in his 2010 book, "Requiem for a Species: Why We Resist the Truth About Climate Change."

In an interview, he said he found a "transformation" from the 1990s and its industry-financed campaign, to an America where climate denial "has now become a marker of cultural identity in the `angry' parts of the United States."

"Climate denial has been incorporated in the broader movement of right-wing populism," he said, a movement that has "a visceral loathing of environmentalism."

An in-depth study of a decade of Gallup polling finds statistical backing for that analysis.

On the question of whether they believed the effects of global warming were already happening, the percentage of self-identified Republicans or conserva-

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Campus Life

Universities urging freshmen to consider the humanities

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SAN JOSE, Calif.—On 21st-century American campuses, is there room for Shakespeare, Sartre and Sondheim?

A declining number of students think so—a trend that worries leaders at many top universities, where engineers often outnumber humanists.

Seeking to reignite interest in the liberal arts, Stanford University last week welcomed the Class of 2015 with a rich opening volley of literature, film and philosophy designed to elevate freshmen dreams beyond that cool job at Google.

The 1,718 incoming students—nearly half of whom arrive intending to major in the sciences or engineering—heard acclaimed author and physician Abraham Verghese praise the meaning, and opportunities, of a liberal arts education. They'll debate summer reading assignments and get a flier promoting an "Ethics and War" program, led by nuclear disarmament expert Scott Sagan.

"We're trying to break the idea that college is just something to get through on your way to a career," said philosophy professor Debra Satz, associate dean for Humanities and Arts. "It is a gift."

In the humanities' heyday of the mid-60s, more than 1 in 3 Stanford students majored in languages, literature, the arts, history, cultural studies, philosophy and religion. By 1995, only about 1 in 10 did—a figure that hasn't budged much in a decade. Meanwhile, interest in engineering, math and computer science has climbed.

This nationwide trend is echoed in five decades of data from UC-Berkeley, UC-Los Angeles and even from tweedy Ivy League schools like Harvard, Princeton, Brown and Yale. (San Jose State and Santa Clara University don't have long-term data, but their humanities enrollment has stayed stable over the past decade.)

At a Stanford appearance last year, Geoffrey Harpham, director of the National Humanities Center, argued that the humanities must be reinvigorated and are critical to America's future. "The genius of this country," he said, "is a program of education for all its citizens."

But for students who came of age in the Great Recession, the siren song of science can be tough to resist. And as tuition rises, fewer seem willing to explore the existential question: How do I live a life of true meaning?

"I don't see a lot of risk-taking," said Satz. "Very few students are enrolled in courses like 19th Century France, or The Literature of Revolution."

Economic anxiety is well-grounded, according to an analysis by Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce. Over a lifetime, the earnings of workers who majored in engineering, computer science or business were up to 50 percent higher than the earnings of those who majored in the humanities, the arts, education and psychology.

The highest median earnings went to petroleum engineers, at $120,000. By comparison, workers with a bachelor's degree in English language and literature had median earnings of $48,000.

"Shakespeare wasn't in it for the money. If you're all about the money, I wouldn't go there," said Anthony Carnevale, one of the report's authors. But humanities students who go on to graduate school and land jobs in tech-intensive fields do just fine, he adds.

When Stanford student Karmia Cao declared her major in creative writing, a friend gave her a button that read: "I majored in English. Would you like some fries with that?"

Of Tuesday's new students, 25 percent said they intended to major in the natural sciences; 21 percent plan to study engineering. Humanities were the primary academic interest of 17 percent.

First-generation college students, in particular, focus on pre-professional studies, such as business, nursing and criminal justice, said San Jose State University professor of Mexican American Studies Magdalena L. Barrera. She added that only six percent of all Latino students major in the humanities.

"There's pressure from the family to major in something practical," said Barrera, "and a lot of students are putting themselves through school." Many don't recognize that skills like writing or critical thinking can open doors to good entry-level jobs.

The humanities can contribute to the sciences and engineering—tomorrow's Next New Thing might already be gestating in the mind of a poet, or linguist, or musician, said Anais Saint-Jude. With a Stanford Ph.D. in 17th-century French theater, last year she organized a conference where Google, TED Media, Sequoia Capital and others discussed opportunities in social media, marketing and product design. This year, she's designing an internship program that helps humanities PhDs land jobs in industry.

"Technology is changing," notes Saint-Jude. "Social networking is about connecting products to humans, and humans to humans."

SPECIALIZED ACCREDITATION UOG

Physical Education majors teach children interactive games on the campus of the University of Guam. The University of Guam School of Education announces that five of its programs, including the Bachelor of Arts in Education, Physical Education Program, have received specialized accreditation, which means the programs are nationally recognized as having met the standards set forth by their respective specialized professional associations.

Becker, UOG to offer CPA exam review to Guam residents

DOWNERS Grove, Illinois—Becker Professional Education, a global leader in professional education and a part of DeVry Inc., has announced an agreement with the University of Guam's School of Business and Public Administration to offer Becker's U.S. CPA Exam Review starting this fall. The three-year agreement is supported by the Guam Board of Accountancy, the governing body responsible for licensing and administering the CPA exam in Guam.

"This strong partnership extends Becker's international reach in the Pacific," said Matt Kinnich, vice president, International and Business Development of Becker Professional Education. "We are thrilled that the University of Guam and the Guam Board of Accountancy share our vision to raise awareness of the U.S. CPA credential and better help candidates in Guam achieve their career aspirations."

The University of Guam will offer Becker's complete four-part CPA Exam Review on-campus. Becker's fully integrated and comprehensive course has been used by 47 of the top 55 scorers on the CPA Exam in the last five years. Becker students also pass the CPA Exam at double the rate of non-Becker candidates. With more than 400,000 alumni, this proven track record of success has earned Becker partnerships with 98 of the top 100 accounting firms including the Big Four.

Guam residents pursuing the U.S. CPA designation at the University of Guam will have the opportunity to receive financial subsidies from the GBA to provide course and exam preparation materials at a significant discount. Through completion of the course, candidates will be eligible to receive up to nine hours of graduate credit towards the education requirement for the CPA exam.

"This is an exciting opportunity for all professionals in Guam who are interested in advancing their career though a CPA designation," said Dr. Anita Borja-Enriquez, dean of the School of Business and Public Administration at the University of Guam. "The tools provided by Becker create an affordable pathway to properly prepare for the CPA Exam and get ahead in today's competitive job market."

Dave Sanford, CPA.CITP, executive director of the GBA also added, "The Becker-UOG partnership makes the CPA distinction more accessible for the people of Guam and advances the capability of the Guam business community. We look forward to actively supporting Guam residents as they strive to better themselves and their community." ***(PR)***

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tives answering "yes" plummeted from almost 50 percent in 2007-2008 to 30 percent or less in 2010, while liberals and Democrats remained at 70 percent or more, according to the study in this spring's Sociological Quarterly.

A Pew Research Center poll last October found a similar left-right gap.

The drop-off coincided with the election of Democrat Barack Obama as president and the Democratic effort in Congress, ultimately futile, to impose government caps on industrial greenhouse emissions.

Boehlert, the veteran Republican congressman, noted that "high-profile people with an `R' after their name, like Sarah Palin and Michele Bachmann, are saying it's all fiction. Pooh-poohing the science of climate change feeds into their basic narrative that all government is bad."

The quarterly study's authors, Aaron M. McCright of Michigan State University and Riley E. Dunlap of Oklahoma State, suggested climate had joined abortion and other explosive, intractable issues as a mainstay of America's hardening left-right gap.

"The culture wars have thus taken on a new dimension," they wrote.

Al Gore, for one, remains upbeat. The former vice president and Nobel Prize-winning climate campaigner says "ferocity" in defense of false beliefs often increases "as the evidence proving them false builds."

In an AP interview, he pointed to tipping points in recent history—the collapse of the Berlin Wall, the dismantling of U.S. racial segregation—when the potential for change built slowly in the background, until a critical mass was reached.

"This is building toward a point where the falsehoods of climate denial will be unacceptable as a basis for policy much longer," Gore said. "As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, `How long? Not long.'"

Even Wally Broecker's jest—that deniers could blame God—may not be an option for long.

Last May the Vatican's Pontifical Academy of Sciences, arm of an institution that once persecuted Galileo for his scientific findings, pronounced on manmade global warming: It's happening.

Said the pope's scientific advisers, "We must protect the habitat that sustains us."

NMC's Adult Basic Education fall 2011 calendar

The Northern Marianas College's Adult Basic Education program, under the Division of Community Programs and Services, has announced the following important dates for the fall 2011 semester:

- Ongoing/Returning Students Registration: Oct. 3 and 4, 2011, ABE, 10am to 4pm
- New Student Registration: Oct. 5 and 6, 2011, ABE, 10am to 4pm
- Late Registration: Oct. 7, 2011, ABE, 9:00 AM -4pm
- Registration for Returning Students: Oct. 3 and 4, MT, 10am to 04pm, ABE
- Registration for New Students: Oct. 5 and 6, WTh, 10am to 04pm, ABE
- Late Registration: Oct. 7 and 11, FM, 9am to 4pm, ABE
- Adjunct/Staff Meeting: Friday, Oct. 7, 6pm to 8pm, TBA
- Add/Drop for Students: Oct. 12-20, 9am to 4pm, ABE
- Student Orientation: Oct. 11, Tuesday, 6pm to 7pm, Student Center
- First Day of Instruction
  MW Classes: Oct. 12, 201
  TTh Classes: Oct. 13, 2011
  Saturday Classes: Oct. 15, 2011
  Sunday Classes: Oct. 16, 2011
- Last Day of Instruction: Dec. 17, 2011

New students and those who have been out of the program for over a year must make an appointment at the Adult Basic Education Office in Building G to take the CASAS Assessment Test.

This schedule is subject to change. For more information contact the ABE Office at 234-5498 Ext. 1721/23/24. ***(NMC)***

Life & Style

Charlie Sheen, studio settle lawsuit over 'Men' firing

By ANTHONY McCARTNEY
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The studio that fired former "Two and a Half Men" star Charlie Sheen said Monday it has struck a deal with the actor to end their legal dispute.

Warner Bros. Television released a statement saying that Sheen's lawsuit against the studio and series executive producer Chuck Lorre has been settled "to the parties' satisfaction." The statement said terms of the settlement are confidential.

Sheen had filed a $100 million lawsuit for wrongful termination against Warner after his firing last March. His attorney, Marty Singer, had said much of that amount was the actor's share of DVD, syndication and other profits that the studio was withholding.

Singer said he could not discuss specifics of the settlement, but he said all parties were satisfied with the resolution.

The Los Angeles Times reported Sheen's settlement would be $25 million, although celebrity website TMZ reported the deal would be worth roughly $100 million over the next several years. Both outlets cited unnamed sources in reports about the settlement amounts.

Sheen

Sheen was fired at a time when he was the highest-paid actor in television, with a per-episode salary reported to be between $1.2 million and $2 million. His exit cut short the CBS comedy's season.

By then, Sheen had been on a media blitz for weeks, using catchphrases such as "Tiger Blood" and "winning" and describing himself as a warlock.

The case never became the forum for Sheen's grievances that the actor said he was seeking—most of the court proceedings centered on whether the dispute should be heard through private arbitration, as called for in the actor's contract. A judge determined that the case should be moved to arbitration in June and attorneys had been working through that process.

Sheen has distanced himself from his previous outlandish behavior in recent weeks and has acknowledged he was at least partly responsible for his ouster from television's top-rated comedy.

"It was bad," Sheen told "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno, "and I own my part in that, and I just want to make everything right."

Appearing last week at the Emmy Awards as a presenter, he addressed the "Two and a Half Men" cast and crew, saying, "I wish you nothing but the best for this upcoming season."

"Men" returned to the air last week with Ashton Kutcher joining the cast as a new character. He plays an Internet billionaire who decides to buy the house that had been owned by Sheen's now-deceased character.

A phone message for Lorre's attorney Howard Weitzman was not immediately returned.

Bruni-Sarkozy 'superstitious' about pregnancy

PARIS (AP)—French first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy says she hasn't spoken much publicly about her pregnancy because she's been superstitious about it, and it's not interesting to the French anyway.

In an interview with British radio, the 43-year-old former supermodel turned singer says the pregnancy is "something very banal"—even if "great news" for her personally.

"I'm superstitious, so yes, I've been very careful," she told BBC. "But there isn't much to say. So many women are expecting children and giving birth, and it's so uninteresting for French people."

President Nicolas Sarkozy, who is potentially facing a tough campaign in France's presidential election next spring, married Bruni in 2008, less than a year after he took office. She has a son from a prior relationship, and he has three sons from two previous marriages.

Bruni-Sarkozy said "playing guitar and touring is what I miss most," and she didn't discuss next year's presidential election in excerpts posted on the BBC Web site Monday. The full interview is to be aired Tuesday.

In a possible hint that being first lady isn't her favorite job, Bruni-Sarkozy was quoted as saying: "My dream life is just to go back to my job full-time and be with my family. You know, regular dreams, common dreams that everyone has."

The shy brunette, who once told an interviewer that her "gut reactions" are on the political left, also confided about what made her fall for Sarkozy, a brash and determined conservative: His knowledge of gardening.

"When I met him, walking around the garden in the (presidential Elysee Palace), he keeps giving me all these flowers' names," she said. "He knows all the Latin names, all these details about tulips and roses.

AP
France's first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy waves in the gardens of the Elysee Palace in Paris during 28th edition of France's Day of Patrimony, Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011.

Ellen DeGeneres: 'I'm fine' after chest pain scare

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Ellen DeGeneres says she's fine after feeling chest pains that prompted paramedics to respond to the Burbank studio where her daytime TV talk show is taped.

The comedian says in a statement issued Monday that she doesn't know what caused the chest pain "but it's fine."

DeGeneres says she started having chest pains Sunday night and woke up feeling tightness and heaviness in her chest. She compared the feeling to having two cats on her chest.

She said the pains lingered when she came to work, so she called the emergency dispatcher "to be safe." She joked the paramedics may have overreacted, saying multiple trucks and ambulances showed up on the Warner Brothers lot and appeared "like one marching band short of a parade."

She thanked the medical responders "for caring so much."

The Bard goes global with 37 plays in 37 languages

LONDON (AP)—All the world's onstage—a single stage—as theater troupes from around the globe perform all of Shakespeare's plays in three dozen languages in the Bard's symbolic London home.

Shakespeare's Globe theater announced details Tuesday of a festival that will see all 37 of William Shakespeare's plays performed in 37 languages, from Urdu to Swahili, over six weeks in 2012.

The "Globe to Globe" festival includes companies from six continents, including the world's most populous countries, China and India, and the youngest—South Sudan, which became an independent nation in July.

Globe artistic director Dominic Dromgoole said a production of "Cymbeline" performed in the local Juba Arabic tongue would be the first time South Sudan has participated in an international cultural event, and a major achievement for the new country.

"The size of their desire to come here was simply overwhelming," he said.

The festival, part of the cultural warmup to next summer's 2012 London Olympic Games, reflects the ability of Britain's most famous playwright to reach audiences in myriad languages and cultures.

It kicks off April 23, Shakespeare's birthday, with "Troilus and Cressida" in Maori, performed by New Zealand's Ngakau Toa company, and includes what Dromgoole called a "lurid, tawdry, drugs-and-strippers" version of "Macbeth" from Poland.

Also on the program are "Twelfth Night" in Hindi, "Pericles" in Greek and "The Merry Wives of Windsor" in Swahili, along with productions by both Israelis and Palestinians. Tel Aviv's Habima company performs "The Merchant of Venice"—a play often accused of anti-Semitism—while Ramallah-based Ashtar Theater stages "Richard II."

"Henry VI," a three-part history of war and national identity, is being reinvented as a "Balkan trilogy" by the national theaters of Serbia, Albania and Macedonia.

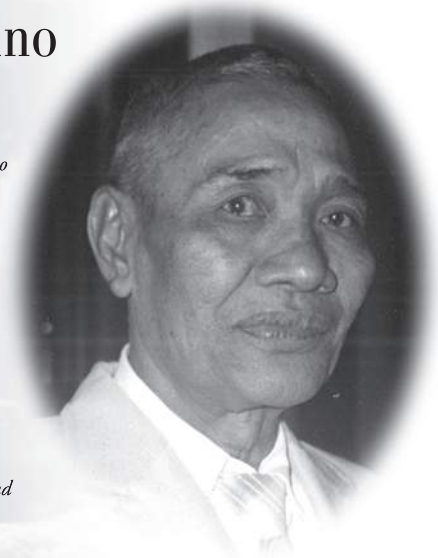
In Celebration of His New Life

Daniel Evangelista Aquino

September 17, 1943 – September 24, 2011

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:
Parents: *Mariano F. Aquino & Maria E. Aquino*
Brothers: *Sixtus E. Aquino, Antonio Gabu, and Quirino E. Aquino*
Nephews: *Jose P. Aquino, Joseph L. Aquino, Jr. and Mariano K. Dela Cruz*

His Memories will forever live in the hearts of his:
Wife: *Antonieta R. Aquino*
Child: *Kristian R. Aquino*
Former Wife: *Maria I. Perez*
Children/Spouse and family:
Daniel Iwashita & Joann Pangelinan Tajalle Aquino (Alicia, Matthew, Zachary & Giselle)
Francisco Iwashita & Rosa Camacho Aquino (Kristen, Queanna and Queayla)
Mariano Iwashita & Leslie Camacho Aquino
Maria Iwashita & Romeo Delfin, Jr. (Mike and Marc)
Antonio Iwashita & Ramina Ramos Aquino (Mia-Lahnee and Rckaela Maree)



He will also be missed by:
Jovita Paulino (Daughter) and Daniel Gergorio Aquino (Son)

Brothers and Sisters:
Margarita Aquino and Children, Regino Evangelista & Rossana Ronquillo Aquino and Children, Juan Evangelista & Marylee Palacios Aquino and Children, Quirino Evangelista Aquino and Children, Josephine Dela Cruz & Tony Piao and daughter, Remedio Elameto & Pete Pua and daughter

Brother & Sister In-Laws:
Lita Rivera and family, Boy & Amelita Rivera and family, Pacing & Juliet Rivera and family, Zenaida Dela Cruz and family, Vangie Rivera & Nestor Apuhin and family, Edgar & Liza Rivera and family, Lino Rivera and family

He will be most especially missed by his beloved Companion: *Jemma Montejar*

He is also survived and will be missed by numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces, Nephews, and Friends.

Mass of Intentions is being offered at Mt. Carmel Cathedral on these following days and time:
• Sunday & Wednesday at 6:00pm
• Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday at 6:00am

Nightly Holy Rosary is being offered at 7:00pm at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral.

On Friday, September 30, 2011 at 7:30am, our beloved father, Daniel E. Aquino will be escorted from Nuestra Señora Dela Paz to Mt. Carmel Cathedral followed by the Responso, the Holy Rosary, viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00am immediately followed by interment of his final resting at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

We extend our Sincerest Humble Gratitude for all your Prayers and Love.
Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase'

Aquino Family

Michael Jackson's persona to hang over trial of doctor

By LINDA DEUTSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES (AP)—In the small crowded Los Angeles courtroom, 6-foot-5 (1.95-meter) Dr. Conrad Murray is an imposing figure. Another imposing figure will loom over the room on Tuesday: the persona of the man he is accused of killing, Michael Jackson.

One of the most famous pop stars of all time will be present in the words of those who knew him, in snippets of video and in the faces of his famous family watching from the courtroom gallery.

The somber-faced Murray has said little in public, except that he most definitely did not cause Jackson's death.

"Your honor, I am an innocent man," Murray said quietly at his arraignment last January. "I definitely plead not guilty."

Murray, 58, is charged with involuntary manslaughter, could face four years in prison and lose his medical license.

Prosecutors will portray him as a greedy, incompetent doctor with a messy personal life who signed on as Jackson's personal physician for $150,000 a month to save himself from financial ruin. The defense says he was Jackson's friend, a capable protector of the singer's health, prepared to travel with him to Europe on his tour, and is still mourning the death.

Murray

One of Murray's greatest assets may be what prosecutors say he wasn't good at: being a doctor.

"Jurors generally believe doctors," said attorney Harland Braun, who has defended many doctors in court. "They have had to trust doctors over a lifetime. What the defense has to do is wrap him in the general feeling that doctors are good people. They care about their patients and he was not indifferent to Michael's welfare."

When the trial starts, Jacksons' family will sit in a row in the courtroom. They wanted Murray charged with murder.

Edward Chernoff, the lead defense lawyer, said Murray feels the pressure.

"He feels like David in the David and Goliath story but he doesn't have a slingshot because of the rulings that took his slingshot away," said Chernoff, reacting last month to decisions barring chunks of evidence the defense wanted to present about Jackson's history of drug use.

Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor, who is presiding over the trial, has since instructed lawyers to refrain from commenting on his rulings.

While witnesses will come and go, Chernoff is aware that the superstar's shadow will be hanging over the trial. He's concerned too about the fans who have demonized Murray and are expected to demonstrate outside the courthouse.

"If they love Michael Jackson, what do they think Michael would say about all this?" he asked. "I think he would say, 'Leave the man alone.' And that's one of the reasons they love Michael."

Following opening statements by both sides, the first prosecution witness, choreographer and director Kenny Ortega, will take jurors into Jackson's life during the crucial weeks he was rehearsing for his landmark "This Is It" concert. Video clips from the posthumous rehearsal film could be included in his testimony.

Will Murray testify in his own defense? Nobody is saying. Although considered a dangerous strategy, it might be the only way for him to show jurors his personality.

Murray told his story in a three-hour interview with police two days after Jackson's death but the transcript remains sealed. Early on, he posted a short video on YouTube saying, "I have done all I can do. I told the truth, and I have faith the truth will prevail."

The truth, in one way or another, involves the drug propofol, which caused Jackson's death. Prosecutors say Murray was grossly negligent in administering the hospital drug in a private home. Defense lawyers will try to prove that Jackson caused his own death by drinking a dose when Murray was out of the room.

It's a risky strategy that requires depicting Jackson as a self -centered, demanding celebrity while portraying Murray as a kindly doctor victimized by his patient. "They will be doing a little balancing act trying to devalue Michael without attacking him," said Thomas Mesereau Jr., the lawyer who won Jackson's acquittal in a 2005 molestation trial.

The defense team also will be fighting what jurors may have heard about Murray's complicated love life and his distressed financial affairs.

Born in St. Andrews, Grenada, he lived with his poor farmer grandparents, going to school barefoot because they could not afford shoes for him. At the age of seven, he moved to Trinidad and Tobago to live with his mother and stepfather. He never met his father, a physician, until he moved to the U.S. in search of higher education in 1978.

After getting his medical degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, he trained at various hospitals and then pursued a specialty in interventional cardiology. In 1999, Murray moved to Las Vegas, opened a storefront medical practice and another in Houston where his father practiced. He also had a license in California, which is now suspended.

Former patients speak of his kind, reassuring manner. "He would go over tests with me. He would say, 'There's nothing to be afraid of.' He cares about his patients, that old-fashioned care, like a real doctor," said Donna Digiacomo of Las Vegas.

Lautner a big fan hit at UK 'Abduction' premiere

LONDON (AP)—Taylor Lautner kept his shirt on but still whipped his U.K. fans into a frenzy at the European premiere of his latest film, "Abduction."

The heartthrob from the "Twilight Saga" series was greeted with a very noisy welcome—mostly shrieking teenage girls—as he stepped onto the red carpet Monday night at the British Film Institute's IMAX theater in London.

Despite the heavy rain, the 19-year-old Lautner made sure to sign autographs and pose for pictures with fans.

After all, it's thanks to them that he was in London at all. They set up a Facebook campaign to ensure he'd promote the film in the U.K.—an effort that resulted in 79,000 people "liking" the page on the social-networking site.

There was nothing for Lautner to do but hop on a plane to Britain.

Lautner broke into the big time as werewolf Jacob Black in the "Twilight" vampire film series, a role that required him to be shirtless even in the coldest temperatures. His finely toned abs created a legion of "Team Jacob" fans who wanted him to get the girl—Bella Swan played by Kristen Stewart—instead of her vampire boyfriend Edward Cullen (actor Robert Pattinson).

AP
U.S actor Taylor Lautner arrives for the European premiere of Abduction, at a central London venue Monday, Sept. 26, 2011.

Lautner told The Associated Press that he's still surprised by the reaction he gets from fans.

"It's absolutely unreal and it continues to blow my mind every time I see it," he said.

Directed by John Singleton, "Abduction" finds Lautner in the lead role of a teenager who discovers his parents aren't really who he thought they were. The action-packed film required Lautner to do some of his own stunts, but he escaped with only minor injuries.

"Thankfully, a few bumps and bruises and that's about it. I made it out pretty safe," he explained.

Joining Lautner at the premiere was his co-star Lily Collins, daughter of British music star Phil Collins.

Rumors have been flying that the 22-year-old Collins and Lautner are an item, but Collins remained tight-lipped when asked about a possible romance.

"I just hope everyone goes and sees the movie and focuses on the acting. He's a great young man," she said.

"Abduction" is released in the U.K. on Wednesday. It hit U.S. theaters on Sept. 23.

Netflix snatches DreamWorks rights from HBO

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—After a deluge of disillusioning news, Netflix unveiled a coming attraction that its subscribers might like: the Internet video rights to films and television specials from DreamWorks Animation.

The multiyear deal announced Monday will give Netflix Inc.'s streaming service the exclusive rights to show the latest content from DreamWorks, the studio behind a list of popular franchises that includes "Shrek," ''Kung Fu Panda" and "Madagascar." But the rights don't kick in until 2013. So, the DreamWorks material won't immediately placate Netflix customers who are clamoring for Netflix's streaming library to widen its selection of box office hits.

The complaints could escalate early next year when Netflix loses the streaming rights to Walt Disney Co. movies and other films that it got through a licensing deal it had with Starz Entertainment.

Still, the DreamWorks deal represents a badly needed coup for Netflix, which has been reeling from a customer backlash triggered by sharp price increases and an upcoming spin-off of its DVD-by-mail service into a website called "Qwikster."

Netflix snatched the DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc. rights from pay-TV rival HBO, providing the latest sign that Internet video has emerged as a compelling—and lucrative—alternative for Hollywood movie and TV studios.

Although the financial terms weren't spelled out, DreamWorks CEO Jeffrey Katzenberg left no doubt that Netflix is paying his studio more than Time Warner Inc.'s HBO currently is. "This arrangement allows us to get more value for our content while giving us a greater degree of flexibility in how we distribute it across multiple platforms in today's evolving digital world," Katzenberg said.

The rising cost for streaming rights is the main reason that Netflix recently increased its prices by as much as 60 percent for U.S. customers who want both DVDs and Internet video.

Netflix, which is based in Los Gatos, California, is counting on the higher prices, which kicked in earlier this month, to bring in the additional revenue it needs to keep adding more titles to its streaming library. The strategy could backfire if too many subscribers upset by the higher prices cancel their service; Netflix already has said it expects to end this month with 600,000 fewer U.S. subscribers than it had in June when the total stood at 24.6 million.

Locking in DreamWorks as an exclusive deal also was important to Netflix, too, because it's facing tougher competition in Internet streaming.

Amazon.com Inc. one of Netflix's most formidable rivals, expanded its streaming service Monday with the addition of TV shows and movies from News Corp.'s 20th Century Fox studio. Most of the TV shows that Amazon is picking up from Fox already are can be streamed through Netflix. In a notable exception, Amazon will have "The Wonder Years," a coming-of-age TV series from the 1980s and 1990s that is only available on DVD through Netflix.

Amazon says its streaming service now has more than 11,000 titles, doubling the total it had when it started seven months ago. Netflix's hasn't specified how many titles are in its streaming library, but an analysis done last month by another rival, Dish Network Corp., found nearly 32,000 selections.

Governor shoots down 'Jersey Shore' tax credit

TRENTON, New Jersey (AP)—MTV's reality show "Jersey Shore" won't get a tax break from New Jersey because Gov. Chris Christie says the show hurts the state's image.

Christie on Monday blocked a $420,000 film credit that was approved for the show last week by the state Economic Development Authority.

The money was supposed to cover production costs for the hit reality series' inaugural 2009 season.

Christie suspended the film tax credit program in 2010 to close a budget deficit, but the 2009 season still qualified for the credit.

"I have no interest in policing the content of such projects," Christie said in a statement. "However, as chief executive I am duty-bound to ensure that taxpayers are not footing a $420,000 bill for a project which does nothing more than perpetuate misconceptions about the State and its citizens."

The show's production company, 495 Productions, based in Burbank, California, declined to comment. MTV spokeswoman Noelle Llewellyn said she wouldn't comment on the tax issue but wanted to reassure the show's fans. "'Jersey Shore' itself will not be affected," she said.

The Italian-American themed show centers on the cast living and partying along the beach and boardwalk in Seaside Heights. "Jersey Shore" has made stars of its cast—20-somethings with nicknames like Snooki and The Situation—and tourist destinations of their haunts. But it's been bashed by officials who are sensitive about New Jersey's image since it debuted nearly two years ago.

Lawmakers have expressed outrage about the credit since the Statehouse Bureau of The Star-Ledger of Newark and The Record newspapers first reported on it earlier this month.

But New Jersey Policy Perspective, a liberal think-tank, says some of the anger may be misplaced: The group says other businesses are getting millions in tax credits through the Economic Development Authority and aren't necessarily bringing jobs to the state in return.

Riot-hit London district slams Britney's gun video

LONDON (AP)—Britney Spears has raised some hackles in Hackney.

Officials in the east London borough, which was scarred by last month's riots, are miffed that the singer filmed a video in the area that shows her robbing a store and brandishing a gun.

Spears shot the clip for her upcoming single "Criminal" while she was on tour in Britain this month. The singer's public relations firm says the video depicts Spears and boyfriend Jason Trawick "in a Bonnie and Clyde-style setup, holding shops up while on the run as armed robbers."

For Hackney Council, that was in poor taste. It said Monday officials had approved the video shoot but "did not agree that a replica gun could be used on location."

The council is "taking this up with the production company."

PINK FLOYD TRIBUTE AP

A police boat is seen on the Thames river below an inflatable pink pig, which was made famous on the sleeve of the 1976 Pink Floyd album 'Animals', and flies once again over Battersea Power Station in south west London, Monday, Sept. 26, 2011, 35 years later, to announce the launch of the reissue and collector's edition of "Why Pink Floyd….?". Organizers had hoped to use the original vinyl pig, which has been in storage for 35 years. But it was found to be leaky, and a replica was created instead. There was no replay of the moment during the 1976 photo shoot when the original pig broke free of its moorings and floated into the flight path for Heathrow Airport. It was later found in a farmer's field.

Shakira named Latin Grammys person of year

Shakira

MIAMI (AP)—Shakira is the 2011 Latin Recording Academy person of the year.

The Colombian singer and seven-time Latin Grammy winner will be honored Nov. 9 at the 12th annual Tribute Gala in Las Vegas for her artistic and philanthropic contributions. Friends and notable artists will salute her with their own versions of her songs during the gala.

Shakira is up for three awards, including album of the year, a day later at the Latin Grammys. The show will be broadcast live on the Univision Network.

The 34-year-old becomes the youngest person of the year to receive the tribute. Previous recipients include Placido Domingo, Carlos Santana, Gloria Estefan, Julio Iglesias and Ricky Martin.

Shakira called the award "truly an honor" in a statement she released Monday.

Randy Travis OK after passing out at Texas show

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)—Country singer Randy Travis was resting at home Monday after passing out on stage during a benefit concert in front of a roomful of doctors.

Travis

The 52-year-old fainted in mid-song during The Crystal Heart Gala, an annual benefit for the Huguley Memorial Medical Center in Fort Worth, Texas. Drs. Jeff Beeson and Steve Davis rushed to his aid.

They said in a statement to The Associated Press on Monday that Travis was struggling with laryngitis due to chronic allergies and had taken several over-the-counter medications.

"Mr. Travis was overcome by a combination of dehydration, over-the-counter allergy medications, and caffeine use," the statement said. "This, combined with the heat of the stage lights, caused him to pass out."

Travis walked off stage under his own power and was examined on his tour bus, the doctors said.

"Mr. Travis went home to recover. Today he is taking our advice and resting," the statement said.

Warner Music Nashville spokeswoman Tree Paine says Travis expects to resume his 25th anniversary tour without interruption. His next show will be Saturday in Bristol, Tennessee.

Palin's attorney threatens lawsuit over book

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)—An attorney for Sarah Palin is threatening to sue over a new book that he says defamed the Palins and contains "a series of lies and rumors."

John Tiemessen, in a letter to the books publisher, Crown Publishing Group, on Monday, cites an email that author Joe McGinniss allegedly sent a blogger in January seeking substantiation for several rumors that have surrounded Palin's family. That email was posted online last week by Andrew Breitbart.

Tiemessen says McGinniss' book, "The Rogue: Searching for the Real Sarah Palin," contains "most of" the stories that merely "amounted to the wishful fantasies of disturbed individuals."

Emails to Crown Publishing and McGinniss, sent after hours, weren't immediately returned.

McGinniss lived next door to the Palins in Wasilla, Alaska, last year while researching the book. It was released last week.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Hollywood stars, execs turn out for Obama

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A roster of Hollywood stars and executives have turned out for President Barack Obama at a Los Angeles fundraiser. Boldface names present Monday night at the Fig & Olive restaurant included actors Eva Longoria, Gina Gershon, Jack Black, Danny DeVito and Rhea Perlman, director Judd Apatow and screenwriter Aaron Sorkin. DreamWorks CEO Jeffrey Katzenberg introduced Obama. About 120 guests paid $17,900 each to attend. Jon Landau, who produced "Avatar" and "Titanic," told reporters that Hollywood is still very positive about Obama even though the rest of the country may not feel the same way. The president asked the crowd to renew their support and said, "Don't get tired on me now."

Chang-Rae Lee, Wilbert Rideau win Ohio book prize

DAYTON, Ohio (AP)—A convict-journalist's prison memoir and a fictional epic woven from the Korean War are this year's winners of the Dayton Literary Peace Prize. Wilbert Rideau won the nonfiction award for "In the Place of Justice: A Story of Punishment and Deliverance." It recounts his life in Louisiana's Angola prison, where he spent more than four decades on a murder conviction and became a journalist and editor of an award-winning, crusading newsmagazine. Chang-Rae Lee's "The Surrendered" follows lives scarred by war over a period of decades. The book was a Pulitzer Prize fiction finalist. The winners each receive $10,000 and will be honored Nov. 13 in Dayton. The prize was inspired by the 1995 Bosnia peace accords negotiated near Dayton, and it celebrates literature's ability to promote peace and understanding.

'Octomom' Suleman selling California home

LA HABRA, California (AP)—The Southern California home where "Octomom" Nadya Suleman has lived for more than two years with her 14 children is for sale. A real estate website says the 2,583-square-foot (240-square-meter) home on Madonna Lane is listed at $525,000. The Orange County Register reported the listing Monday. Suleman's father Ed Doud purchased the home in 2009 for $565,000. Suleman owes a $450,000 balloon payment to Amer Haddadin, the note holder on the home. He had threatened Suleman with eviction several times over the past several months if she didn't pay the money. Haddadin told the Register he has been trying to convince Suleman to sell the house all summer and had no idea that a sign had been put up in the front yard. Agent Rebecca Mercado says the home was listed on Friday.

Mom and daughter disagree on who should pay for a date

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My mother and I had a debate about who should pay for dates. She thinks the man should pay, especially if sex is involved because "you don't want to give it away for free."

I disagree. I say the man should pay for the first, and maybe the second date. After that, they can agree to alternate.

I have been seeing a wonderful guy for about six months. I'm pretty sure I make more money than he does, but even if I didn't, I don't feel the need to be supported. I don't agree the guy should always have to pay. Times have changed since my mother dated. What's the general consensus on the subject these days?

INDEPENDENT WOMAN IN MARYLAND

DEAR INDEPENDENT: The consensus is that you're right. Times HAVE changed since your mother dated, and furthermore, paying for a date does not give the payer any guarantee of sexual favors. While in some regions, cultures and age groups there may be the expectation that the man pays, in today's world many women expect to pay their fair share after the first couple of dates.

In other words, it's COMMON to split a check or share the cost of an evening's dinner and entertainment. The idea that a woman should put out for the price of a burger is, thankfully, passe. And that's for the best, don't you agree?

DEAR ABBY: I have known "Arthur" for more than 20 years. Since Day One, he has wanted more than friendship, but I made it clear that I never wanted more than a platonic relationship. I care about him, but have never had romantic feelings for him.

We spend a lot of time together between relationships with other people. (I was married for eight years out of our 20-year friendship.) Arthur comes over—we hang out, sometimes share a meal or watch a movie, etc. Then we go to sleep in my bed. He SLEEPS in my bed, where there's no hanky-panky. I'm content with things as they are. He makes me laugh and I feel good about myself.

However, lately I sense he's becoming too attached. I worry that I might be leading him on even though I've made it clear that I don't want anything romantic or sexual. After 20 years, there are no gray areas left to analyze my intentions.

My friends think what I'm doing is wrong, that I might be keeping Arthur from moving forward in his life. Keep in mind that I encourage him to go out with friends and to date. AM I doing anything wrong that may be hurting him in an indirect way?

PLATONICALLY CONNECTED IN TEXAS

DEAR PLATONICALLY CONNECTED: You are happy the way things are. Arthur appears to have accepted the relationship on your terms. While he may secretly hope that one morning you will roll over, open your eyes and realize that he's Prince Charming, you have been honest with him from the beginning. I see no reason to end a relationship that is rewarding to both of you because your friends are meddling. Your friends should mind their own business.

DEAR ABBY: I have a lot of health problems and need my rest. We have even disconnected the doorbell. So why do people ignore the "Do Not Disturb" sign on the front door and knock anyway?

DISTURBED IN EUGENE, ORE.

DEAR DISTURBED: Not knowing who's doing the knocking, I'm guessing they're people who are desperate to sell you something. Certainly no friend would behave that way.

TO MY JEWISH READERS: As the sun sets tonight, Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, begins. As we start this time of solemn introspection, let me wish you all, "L'shana tova tikatevu"—may you be inscribed in the Book of Life for a good year.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

SUSIE, HOBBES THOUGHT I WAS RUDE, SO I'M SORRY, AND YOU CAN COME PLAY WITH US IF YOU WANT.
THANKS, CALVIN. THAT'S REALLY NICE OF YOU.
OK, WE'LL PLAY HOUSE NOW. I'LL BE THE HIGH-POWERED EXECUTIVE WIFE, THE TIGER HERE CAN BE MY UNEMPLOYED, HOUSEKEEPING HUSBAND, AND YOU CAN BE OUR BRATTY AND BRAINLESS KID IN A DAY CARE CENTER.
THIS WAS YOUR IDEA, PEA BRAIN.
DON'T YOU TALK TO YOUR FATHER THAT WAY!
I'M OFF TO WALL STREET. DON'T WAIT UP.

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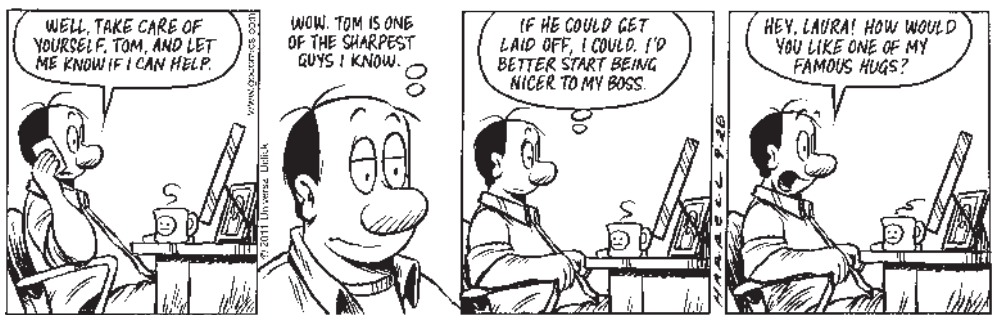
WELL, TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, TOM, AND LET ME KNOW IF I CAN HELP.
WOW. TOM IS ONE OF THE SHARPEST GUYS I KNOW.
IF HE COULD GET LAID OFF, I COULD. I'D BETTER START BEING NICER TO MY BOSS.
HEY, LAURA! HOW WOULD YOU LIKE ONE OF MY FAMOUS HUGS?

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 DNA sharer
4 Venomous vipers
8 Exploding star
12 Praise in verse
13 Other people
14 Final notice
15 Supporting
16 Put under
18 Pond cover
20 Actor McBride
21 Peacekeeping org.
24 Decorator's theme
28 Spoof
32 1492 ship
33 Work with
34 Valuable collection
36 Door opener
37 Chinese dynasty
39 Fill with 6-Down
41 Turkish official
43 Birthright barterer
44 Sprite
46 Between-meal munchie
50 Dangle a carrot
55 Hawaiian garland
56 Help a thief
57 Stench
58 Diner order, briefly
59 Pedestal part
60 Courts
61 Brewery product

DOWN
1 Couch
2 Pedestal occupant
3 Longtime "Mad" cartoonist Dave
4 Essentially
5 Bashful
6 Vigor
7 Harmonization
8 Idea
9 Sapporo sash
10 Namely (Abbr.)
11 Chowed down
17 Resistance measure
19 Blackbird
22 Grow weary
23 Pure air
25 Polynesian icon
26 Don Juan's mother
27 Actress Dunaway
28 Draining reservoir
29 Largest of the seven
30 Sawbucks
31 Prior nights
35 Chalkboard accessories
38 Depressed urban area
40 Pistol
42 — carte
45 Go smoothly
47 Actress Jessica
48 Honeycomb compartment
49 Prop for Ben Franklin
50 Tiny bit
51 Lawyers' org.
52 Homer's neighbor
53 Altar affirmative
54 Menagerie

Solution time: 21 mins.

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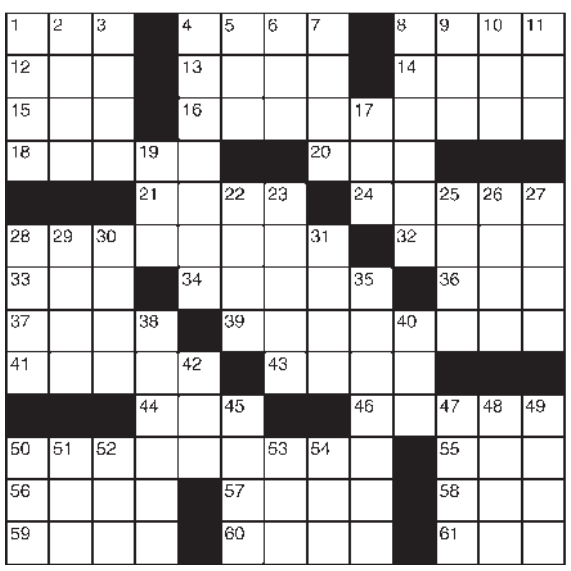
Yesterday's answer 9-28



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Happy Birthday: Expand your dreams, hopes and wishes, and don't stop until you reach your goals. You have what it takes to convince others to assist you in getting what you want. Change is upon you and good fortune can be yours if you invest wisely in you and your surroundings. Don't let anyone push you when you should be the one forcing issues. Your numbers are 5, 16, 19, 21, 25, 38, 42.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Take hold of your situation. Persuade others to pitch in and help. Social gatherings will be a perfect forum for you to test the waters and plant seeds for future prospects. Love is in the stars. Make romance your goal this evening. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): You cannot make a mistake now, especially with regard to work or finances. Refuse to let aggressive individuals overpower you. Your imagination may be captivated, but do the math before you sign an offer that is questionable. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Force issues if necessary to keep things moving in a direction that suits you. Your aggressive and playful way of handling others will impress and help you drum up support. Strive to achieve and you will surpass your goals. Love looks inviting. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): You'll have trouble controlling your emotions. Don't make a rash decision based on hearsay. Adapt to whatever is going on around you so that you can move on. You may have to reassess a relationship. Change is upon you. ✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): You can manage more than you realize. Communicate how you feel matters should be handled. Your suggestions, coupled with being proactive, will push you into a leadership position. Love is in the mix, along with a vacation. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Look, and you shall find. Revisit past experiences to find old plans that can help you now. A change in career or an increase in earning potential is apparent. Consider investing in you and your expertise. There is money heading your way. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Show everyone what you are worth and how you can use your skills to benefit others. Exploit your talents and you will gather interest. A unique idea will add to your popularity. Consider how you can improve your image and appearance. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Information may be withheld. Dealing with authority figures will be frustrating. You'll have to spell out what you want, but don't get angry. Equip yourself with knowledge to prove your point. Accurate facts will make a difference. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Whatever you do will bring about benefits and better options. A change at home will open your eyes to new possibilities. A sudden change in your financial situation can be expected. Good fortune coupled with romance spells victory. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Don't rely on others. You will be disappointed if you allow someone's bragging or empty promises to lead you astray. You are best not to put up a fight, but instead quietly remove yourself from an adverse situation. ✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): You've got nothing to lose and everything to gain. The coast is clear to change your life. Explore any avenue that will lead to an improved lifestyle and better living arrangements. Money is in the stars, along with love and commitment. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Let your creativity lead you in a new direction. You will capture the interest of someone who wants to form a partnership. Aggressive action will pay off in business if you are diligent and realistic. Protect your rights, possessions and reputation. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are an intuitive, intelligent, interesting and charismatic leader.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

		1	4	3	5			
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7		5					4	
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4	6	2						1
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Difficulty Level ★★★ 9/28

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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1	6	5	9	3	4	8	2	7
7	3	8	6	1	2	9	4	5
9	2	4	8	5	7	1	6	3

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

PLAYGROUNDS **Solution: 6 letters**

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Must adhere to all school policies and procedure;
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Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
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Preferably ACSI certified.
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Holder of Bachelor's degree preferably in Accounting;
At least 2 years experience preferably in a Christian atmosphere;
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Must adhere to all school policies and procedure;
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Romo, Bailey lead Cowboys past Redskins

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—Tony Romo's broken rib hurt so much he needed a second pain-killing injection. His center had a tendency to snap the ball too soon or to the wrong spot. And he couldn't get into the end zone no matter what, not even with a first down on the 2-yard line.

Yet Romo and the Dallas Cowboys did the only thing that mattered. They won.

Dan Bailey kicked six field goals, including a go-ahead 40-yarder with 1:52 left, and linebacker Anthony Spencer forced a fumble that teammate Sean Lee recovered with 28 seconds left, giving the Cowboys an 18-16 victory over the Washington Redskins on Monday night.

"It feels good right now because we won," Romo said, smiling and wincing. "I'll be all right."

Romo was 22 of 36 for 255 yards. His best stat was simply lasting all four quarters.

The fact that he needed a second injection could explain the quarter-sized blotch of blood that appeared on his jersey above his left hip during the game. After the game, he joked that his new bride forced him to play, saying, "I can't have a weak husband lying around the house."

"I want to play," Romo said. "We only get to go out and do this 16 times, 16 days out of 365 days a year. You want to be out there. You put so much effort, when you go, you go."

Romo was hardly hit in the first half, then the Redskins got in several crushing blows starting just after halftime. That's also when the snaps became an issue. He couldn't hide his frustration with new center Phil Costa, and clearly wasn't happy with receiver Kevin Ogletree after an incompletion at the end of the drive that reached the 2; that failure forced Dallas to settle for its fifth field goal and a 16-15 deficit instead of a go-ahead touchdown.

Rob Ryan's re-energized Dallas defense got the ball back quickly, and Romo took advantage. Another bad snap left the Cowboys with a third-and-21, and Romo followed with a rollout to his right and a deep pass to Dez Bryant for a 30-yard gain. Another 15 yards were tacked on because of a facemask penalty on the beaten defender—cornerback DeAngelo Hall, who last week said he was hoping "to put my helmet on whatever's hurt" on Romo and all other wounded Cowboys.

Hall had plenty more to say after the game. In an expletive-filled interview, he questioned the eight-man front on Bryant's catch and the official's decision to flag him.

"I told the ref after that call, that might have been his worst call of the game," Hall said. "He's going to get demerit points for that call. Because that wasn't no facemask."

When Washington quarterback Rex Grossman's fumble was recovered by Lee, Cowboys coach Jason Garrett dropped to a knee and pumped his fist wildly. He had good reason to celebrate: Dallas was about to be 2-1, guaranteeing no repeat of last year's miserable 1-7 start. The Cowboys are even tied for first place in the NFC East, along with Washington (2-1), which was seeking its first 3-0 start since 2005.

AP

Dallas Cowboys kicker Dan Bailey scores the game-winning field goal as punter Mat McBriar holds against the Washington Redskins during the second half of an NFL football game, Monday, Sept. 26, 2011, in Arlington, Texas.

"We're better than last year—already," Dallas linebacker Bradie James said.

This was the second straight game that a Romo-Bailey tandem pulled out a victory. Against San Francisco a week ago Sunday, Bailey made a tying field goal at the end of regulation, then the winner in overtime.

Bailey's other kicks Monday night covered 41 (twice), 32, 27 and 23 yards.

"We had good snaps, good holds, great protection. I had the easy job," said Bailey, an undrafted rookie who was named the nation's top kicker in college last season at Oklahoma State. "Whenever you can string a couple of kicks together, it's a confidence booster."

Romo wasn't the only Dallas player who gutted it out.

Bryant missed the previous game with a thigh injury, yet had four catches for 63 yards. Felix Jones, who separated a shoulder against the 49ers, ran for a career-high 115 yards and caught three passes for 40 more. Jason Witten fought through a rib injury to catch six passes for 60 yards.

"It wasn't a perfect performance by any means, but enough to win the game," Garrett said.

The Dallas defense limited the Redskins to field goals on two of their first three drives, the latter reaching the Dallas 9.

Grossman really only had one solid drive, a 76-yarder capped by a 1-yard touchdown pass to Tim Hightower that put Washington up 16-9. The Redskins never even crossed midfield after that, punting on three straight drives then losing the fumble.

"It feels like the waste of a week," tight end Chris Cooley said. "We're capable of winning a division game on the road. I'm disappointed with the way we finished."

Grossman was 22 of 37 for 250 yards. He was sacked three times—once by DeMarcus Ware, his NFL-leading fifth—and threw an interception.

Explaining his game-deciding fumble, Grossman said, "I was trying to make a play. I felt like I could get the ball to Santana (Moss). I obviously couldn't."

Most of the Redskins' points came from Graham Gano, who made field goals of 50, 46 and 27 yards. Another was blocked after a poor hold.

"We're going to find out what type of football team we have," Redskins coach Mike Shanahan said. "When you lose like that it hurts. We don't have time to feel sorry for yourself."

Colts owner: Manning may come back in December

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Peyton Manning is still on Indianapolis' active roster and could return this season.

Team officials said that part hasn't changed. His role will change.

On Monday, Colts owner Jim Irsay used Twitter to clarify comments he reportedly made during a private breakfast with Super Bowl donors, comments that indicated Indy's franchise quarterback would miss the rest of this season.

"I didn't say Peyton out 4season FOR SURE,keeping him on ActiveRoster n taking it month by month/ Outside chance of return n December possible," Irsay wrote.

Indy's final regular-season game is Jan. 1.

Manning was expected to miss at least two months after having neck surgery on Sept. 8 and possibly more, which still might cost the four-time league MVP the entire season.

Manning's three-game absence followed a streak of 227 consecutive starts including the playoffs since being taken No. 1 overall in the 1998 draft. Not surprisingly, the Colts are off to their first 0-3 start since '98.

But after being seen at Colts practices last week and spending Sunday night's game in Indy's coaches' booth, the speculation turned to whether he would be healthy enough in time to make it back this season.

The Colts will continue to wait.

"The protocol hasn't changed one iota," Colts vice chairman Bill Polian told radio listeners Monday night. "He's still on the active roster and we have said time and time again that we will leave him on the active roster until the doctors tell us it's impossible for him to come back this year.

"He's exercising. He's doing a lot more than he did a week ago. The bottom line is nothing has changed and he will have some examinations and tests down the line, quite a little while from now. It's not imminent."

The Colts have not discussed Manning's recovery in detail.

He originally had surgery May 23 to repair a damaged nerve that was causing muscle weakness in his throwing arm, and when that didn't work as anticipated, Manning had an anterior spinal fusion. The procedure normally involves making an incision in the front of the neck, removing soft disk tissue between the vertebrae and fusing the bones together with a graft. The goal is to ease pain or address a disk problem.

It was Manning's third neck surgery in 19 months.

The Colts have provided no timetable for Manning's expected return.

"Only time will tell," Polian said. "I will quote one of the doctors, a very eminent physician, who said, 'There is no magic potion, there is no device, there is no X-ray technology, laser technology anything that we can use that will tell us when this nerve will regenerate. When it does, it will. Knowing that, there is no point in speculating."

The Colts brought Kerry Collins out of retirement as Manning's replacement, but he has struggled.

And now he's hurt.

Collins missed some practice time last week with a sore throwing shoulder, then left the Steelers game to be evaluated for a possible concussion. The Colts didn't have an update on Collins' condition Monday.

Curtis Painter replaced Collins in the fourth quarter and took the Colts 80 yards for their most meaningful offensive touchdown of the season, a 6-yard run from Joseph Addai. Painter went 5 of 11 for 60 yards with a 62.7 rating.

The poor start by Collins has led to speculation that the Colts might try to find another veteran to step in—maybe former Jacksonville quarterback David Garrard or retired Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer.

Garrard's agent told The Associated Press in an email that the Colts have not contacted him.

Other names being mentioned include former Rams quarterbacks Kurt Warner and Marc Bulger. Polian, however, ruled out any interest in Warner. Bulger's agent said the Colts have not contacted him.

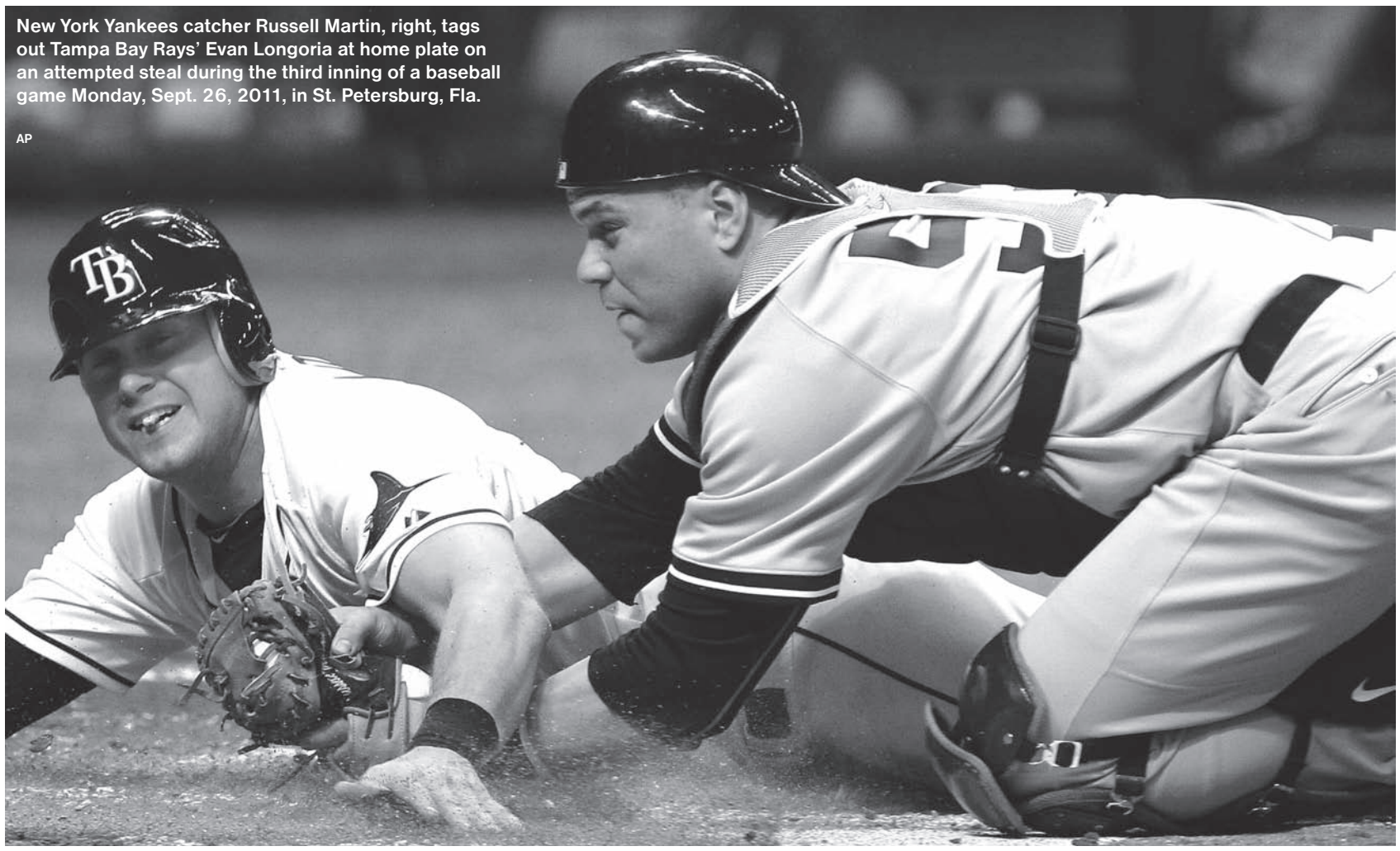
Some fed-up fans have even suggested the Colts tank the season so they can draft Manning's eventual heir in April. They're hoping to get Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck.

The Colts refuse to think that way.

So until he's healthy, Manning will be the team's highest-paid adviser after signing a five-year, $90 million contract in July.

"He's a resource for us, and he's a guy that's been around this system for a long time. It's what I identify as, 'intellectual property,' and I don't think that you're very smart if you don't use it," coach Jim Caldwell said. "We use everything we possibly can to try to get ourselves in position to get a victory."

Rays beat Yankees, move into wild-card tie



New York Yankees catcher Russell Martin, right, tags out Tampa Bay Rays' Evan Longoria at home plate on an attempted steal during the third inning of a baseball game Monday, Sept. 26, 2011, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

AP

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP)—The Tampa Bay Rays moved level with the Boston Red Sox for the wild-card lead, beating the New York Yankees 5-2 on Monday behind another strong performance by James Shields.

Shields came within one out of his 12th complete game, yielding six hits. Kyle Farnsworth finished for his 24th save, closing it out moments before the Red Sox lost 6-3 at Baltimore. The Rays and Red Sox each have two games left.

B.J. Upton drove in two runs with a third-inning double off Hector Noesi. Kelly Shoppach homered for the second straight day for the Rays, who've won three straight and are 15-8 since Sept. 2, when they trailed Boston by nine games. Johnny Damon's third-inning RBI single moved him into a tie with Lou Gehrig for 57th on the career hits list with 2,721.

Orioles 6, Red Sox 3

In Baltimore, the Boston Red Sox found another way to lose, this time on a broken-bat single and an inside-the-park home run, as their defeat against Baltimore dropped them into a tie in the AL wild-card race.

Boston's 17th loss in 22 games enabled Tampa Bay to finally pull even in the duel for the league's final playoff spot. The Rays, who beat the New York Yankees 5-2, trailed by nine games after play on Sept. 3.

With the score 2-all in the sixth inning, Boston starter Josh Beckett (13-7) allowed four runs in an uprising that began with Vladimir Guerrero becoming the career hits leader among Dominican-born players.

Tigers 14, Indians 0

In Detroit, Doug Fister pitched eight strong innings and Alex Avila drove in three runs to help Detroit beat Cleveland.

Justin Verlander and Fister, who are scheduled to start the first two games of Detroit's first-round playoff series, are now a combined 14-0 with a 1.61 ERA in 16 appearances since August 16.

Fister, who allowed three singles while striking out nine, has been even better than the Cy Young favorite in the stretch, going 7-0 with a 0.65 ERA in his last eight outings. Fister (11-13), who was picked up in a six-player deal with Seattle on July 30, has now gone 20 innings without walking a batter.

White Sox 4, Blue Jays 3

In Chicago, in what turned out to be manager Ozzie Guillen's last game with Chicago, Tyler Flowers hit a three-run home run and rookie Dylan Axelrod threw six shutout innings as Chicago beat Toronto.

Guillen was released from his contract after the game to pursue other opportunities. He met with owner Jerry Reinsdorf for about 30 minutes earlier in the day. Guillen told the owner he would like to return, but only for a contract extension for more money. He had one year remaining on his current deal.

Axelrod (1-0) won his first big-league game, striking out six and holding Toronto to three hits. Sergio Santos picked up his 30th save. He allowed a two-run double to David Cooper in the ninth and walked Marcus Thames and Jose Bautista, but struck out Adam Lind with the bases loaded to end the game.

Rangers 4, Angels 3

In Anaheim, California, Adrian Beltre hit a two-run homer and Michael Young added an eighth-inning RBI single as Texas eliminated Los Angeles from the playoff race.

Elvis Andrus had four hits for the AL West champion Rangers (94-66), who have won eight of nine. Texas also stayed one game ahead of Detroit (93-67) for the league's second-best record and homefield advantage in this weekend's division series.

Peter Bourjos had a run-scoring single in the ninth for the Angels, who began the night three games behind the wild card-leading Red Sox with three to play. Although Boston's woes provided an opportunity, Los Angeles has fallen apart with seven losses in 11 games.

Royals 7, Twins 3

In Minneapolis, Melky Cabrera became the first Kansas City player in 11 years to get 200 hits and Mike Moustakas hit the go-ahead home run in a four-run sixth inning as Kansas City topped Minnesota.

Cabrera, who hit an infield single and scored the game's opening run in the first inning and added another infield single in the sixth, became the sixth player in Kansas City history to eclipse 200 hits and the first since Johnny Damon and Mike Sweeney both did it in 2000.

Felipe Paulino (4-6) gave up three runs and six hits in six innings, striking out nine.

Mariners 4, Athletics 2

In Seattle, Justin Smoak hit a three-run, tie-breaking home run in the sixth inning to lift Seattle to a victory over Oakland.

The victory gave Jason Vargas (10-13) his career-high 10th victory. He worked eight innings, allowing one run on five hits, walking none and striking out career-high 10.

Miguel Olivo also hit a solo home run in the fifth, his 19th. That broke the Mariners club record for most home runs by a catcher, one more than both Kenji Johjima and Dan Wilson.

Brandon League finished the ninth, allowing a run on Josh Willingham's RBI groundout, scoring Coco Crisp from third.

Phillies 4, Braves 2

In Atlanta, the Atlanta Braves squandered an early two-run lead against Cliff Lee as the playoff-bound Philadelphia Phillies rallied for a victory.

Lee (17-8) pitched six strong innings, Jimmy Rollins homered and Raul Ibanez drove in two runs, leading the NL East champions past their division rivals to start the final series of the regular season.

The Braves, who began the day with a one-game lead over St. Louis for the wild card, lost their third in a row and seventh in the last 10 games.

With one out in the sixth and the score tied 2-2, Shane Victorino tripled down the right-field line off Cristhian Martinez (1-3). Eric O'Flaherty replaced Martinez and the Braves pulled in the infield looking to cut off the go-ahead run. However, Ibanez grounded one sharply past diving first baseman Freddie Freeman, and Victorino scored the go-ahead run.

Reds 6, Mets 5

In New York, Chris Heisey hit a go-ahead, three-run homer just moments after making a diving catch as Cincinnati held off New York.

Jose Reyes had three hits for the Mets to take over the NL batting lead, but his baserunning blunder in the eighth inning cost them a chance to tie the game. Reyes lined an RBI double into the right-field corner to cut it to 6-5. Perhaps expecting a throw to the plate that would allow him to take third, Reyes took a wide turn around second — much too far. The Reds threw behind him and he was easily tagged out.

Joey Votto and Jay Bruce singled off Tim Byrdak (2-1) in the seventh before Heisey hit the first pitch from Josh Stinson over the 16-foot fence in left field.

Nationals 6, Marlins 4

In Miami, Michael Morse hit a three-run homer with two out in the ninth inning as Washington rallied past Florida.

The homer came off Edward Mujica (9-6), who was trying to earn the first save for the Marlins since closer Leo Nunez returned last week to his native Dominican Republic and admitted playing under an assumed name.

With two games remaining, the Nationals franchise (79-80) still has a chance at its first winning season since 2003.

Florida led 4-3 when pinch-hitter Laynce Nix and Ian Desmond started the ninth with singles.

Astros 5, Cardinals 4, 10 innings

In Houston, Brian Bogusevic scored on Angel Sanchez's bunt in the 10th inning for Houston as St. Louis missed out on a chance to join Atlanta atop the wild-card standings.

Slumping Atlanta lost to Philadelphia, but the Cardinals weren't able to take advantage of the opening. St. Louis rallied from three runs down to force extra innings, but Bogusevic doubled off Octavio Dotel (3-3) in the 10th and advanced on Jason Bourgeois' bunt. Sanchez then dropped a bunt in front of the plate, and Bogusevic charged home as Dotel mishandled his attempt to flip the ball to catcher Yadier Molina with his glove.

Pirates 9, Brewers 8

In Milwaukee, Alex Presley homered to lead off the game and drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning, helping Pittsburgh snap a 12-game skid in Milwaukee.

Presley finished 3 for 5 with three RBIs, reliever Daniel McCutchen (5-3) got the win and Joel Hanrahan held on for his 40th save to give Pittsburgh its fourth victory in 40 tries over the last five years at Miller Park.

Milwaukee (94-66) is the best home team in the majors at 55-24, but failed in its first chance to tie the franchise's all-time mark for wins at 95.

Padres 2, Cubs 0

In San Diego, Mat Latos took a no-hitter into the sixth inning and struck out nine in seven innings to lead San Diego past Chicago.

It was a strong finish to an uneven season for Latos (9-14) who struggled during the first half. It was the 16th time in his last 17 starts that Latos allowed three or fewer runs. He allowed only two hits before Chad Qualls threw a perfect eighth and Heath Bell a perfect ninth for his 43rd save in 48 chances.

It was the 10th shutout for the Padres and the 10th time the Cubs were shut out.

Dodgers 4, Diamondbacks 2

In Phoenix, Matt Kemp hit a three-run homer and Dana Eveland pitched scoreless ball into the sixth inning as Los Angeles won its fourth straight.

Kemp connected against Daniel Hudson (16-12) in the first, hitting a drive to center for his NL-best 38th homer. Kemp also leads the NL with 123 RBIs and is third with a .324 batting average with two games left.

Giants 3, Rockies 1

In San Francisco, Ryan Vogelsong threw seven shutout innings and Mike Fontenot tripled in two runs as San Francisco beat Colorado.

Pablo Sandoval and Brett Pill, who also had an RBI, each added two hits for the Giants, who ended a four-game losing streak with their fifth straight home win.

Mark Ellis had two hits and drove in a run for the Rockies, who lost for the 10th time in 12 games and have dropped six in a row to the Giants. Seth Smith also had two hits.

Vogelsong (13-7) won his third consecutive start following a five-game losing streak.

Sablan wins SGA September Ace

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Frances Sablan was declared the Saipan Golf Association's September Ace after the conclusion of their monthly event held last Sept. 18 at the Kingfisher Golf Links in Talafofo.

SGA's lone female participant went from worst to first, taking top honors in September after placing last in August.

Sablan's net score of 73 tied February Ace John Cruz, and was declared this month's ace even though the latter won the tiebreaker.

January Ace Tony Deleon Guerrero, August Ace Steve Balakrishna, and Rick Kautz finished a stroke behind the top pair with net 74s.

After their playoff, Deleon Guerrero was awarded a third place finish, Balakrishna fourth, and Kautz settled for fifth place.

Notably, Balakrishna recorded the event's longest drive on hole No. 16 and closest to the pin in hole no. 14. April Ace Ed Manibusan won closest to the pin in hole No. 12 and longest drive in hole No. 6. DLGuerrero won closest to the pin in hole No. 7 and Joe Demapan won closest to the pin in hole No. 3.

In addition, Balakrishna, Kautz, and Demapan each bagged a birdie, while Martin Sablan caught a pair during their respective rounds.

A total of 19 golfers participated in the event. One, however, was disqualified.

Other past aces include March Ace Nick C. Sablan, May Ace Ray M. San Nicolas, June Ace Joe I. Sablan, and July Ace Danny Quitugua.

SGA's October ace is slated for Oct. 9. The location has not yet been determined.

Sablan

SPORTS BRIEFS

General membership meeting set on Oct. 8

The Saipan Little League Baseball, Inc. will be holding a general membership meeting on Oct. 8 at 9am at the pavilion inside the Oleai Sports Complex. Managers, coaches, parents, and interested individuals are invited to join the assembly. Election of officers for the 2012 season is expected to take place at the meeting. ***(SLLBI)***

Rota Blue Triathlon on Nov. 12

The Marianas Visitors Authority, Kiyokazu Fitness Club of Japan, and the Rota Mayor's Office are preparing to receive an international contingent of athletes for the 18th Annual Rota Blue Triathlon on Nov. 12, 2011. Triathletes from Saipan, Tinian, Rota, Guam, and Japan are expected to take part in the annual event. For more information about the annual triathlon, contact Frank Tudela at 664-3200/01 or ftudela@mymarianas.com, or contact Sandra Atalig at the MVA Rota office at 532-0327. ***(MVA)***

CABALEN

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against Mobil's two, while Cabalen connected on 13 triples versus Cavite's eight.

Mobil lost by a big margin despite threatening Namfrel in the third quarter. Namfrel was on top by 11 at the break, 40-29, when Mobil scored 35 points in the third canto to move within five, 64-69, with still a full quarter to go.

However, Namfrel regained its form in the final canto and almost doubled Mobil's output in the payoff canto en route to the 23-point win. Namfrel outgunned Mobil in the fourth stanza, 39-21, behind the 10 points of Dan Barcinas. Jack Lizama and Joshua Sablan also contributed in the fourth quarter breakaway, as they combined for 15 markers.

Pete Iguel top-scored in Namfrel/Proa's sixth win with his 24 markers, while Barcinas chipped in 23. Sablan and Lizama had 18 apiece, while Quincy Johnson and Gino Libuw logged 11 each.

In the second game, Bon Tamayo sizzled for 25 points with 18 of them coming from downtown. He was scoreless in the first period, which ended with Cavite on top, 22-17.

Then in the second half, Tamayo showed up and hit three triples. However, Cavite also nailed three treys, two from Freddie Pelisamen and one from Pando Muleta, to stay on top at halftime, 45-41.

In the third quarter, Tamayo continued his hot outside shooting, firing three more triples and scoring 14 to lift Cabalen to a 70-63 advantage. Cabalen hung in there in the fourth period, canning four more triples to survive Pelisamen's 35-point explosion.

First Game

Namfrel/Proa 108 – Iguel 24, Barcinas 23, Sablan 18, Lizama 18, Johnson 11, Libuw 11, Chariton 2.

Bayani/Mobil 86 – Estolas 28, Aughenbaugh 13, De Guzman 11, Ruluked 10, Factor 10, Gapor 4, Moises 4, Sharry 1.

Scoring by quarters: 18-13, 40-29, 69-64, 108-86.

Second Game

Cabalen/Noni 98 – Tamayo 25, Basila 16, Pagarao 12, Bernardo 11, Abuel 11, Demapan 10, Miranda 2, Yabut 2.

Cavite/Andok's 83 – Pelisamen 34, Camacho 14, Muleta 12, Montano 6, Umali 5, Olaitiman 4, Wesley 4, Artates 4.

Scoring by quarters: 17-22, 41-45, 70-63, 98-83.

ANGELES

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pinfalls in four games. His winning score came in the first day of the tournament last Saturday. Angeles also bowled last Sunday, but his 707 pinfalls were only good for seventh place. Participants in the monthly roll-offs have an option to bowl twice, but only the higher score will be counted.

Simon Manacop competed in the tournament only once and his Sunday total of 761 pinfalls earned him a runner-up finish. He and Angeles were the only two bowlers to knock down more than 200 pins twice. Angeles had his best showing in Game 1 with 239 pinfalls and then logged 205 in Game 4. The September winner recorded 181 and 154 in Games 2 and 3 for an average of 194.75 pinfalls. Manacop's highest score came in Game 4 when he nailed 222 pinfalls. He has 148, 213, and 178 in the first three games for an average of 190.25.

Rounding out the Top 3 in the 13-player field was Raphael Zapanta, who totaled 736 pinfalls, just two pinfalls ahead of fourth placer and brother, Ruselle.

Soll also had a slim winning margin over Yho Villavicencio in the Queen of the Lanes event with the former gaining 663 pinfalls against the latter's 658.

Soll notched her first monthly tiara and slipped past Villavicencio after carding 175 pinfalls in Game 4 of the second day of the roll-off. Villavicencio was ahead after three games, 497-488, but dropped to second place when she only knocked down 161 pinfalls in Game 4 and averaged 164.50. Soll had a 165.75 average after recording 122, 199, and 167 in the first three games.

August winner Ron Cal completed the Top 3 with her 656 total. Cal slid to third after also slowing down in the final game where he only scored 158 pinfalls. Twelve female keglers joined the roll-offs.

Aldan stays on top

In the Fiji Water Prince/Princess of the Lanes, M.J. Aldan started a new streak after reigning in the Saturday roll-off.

Aldan, who won the youth event from January to April, but lost to rival Marion McKenzie in the next three months before ending his skid last month, made it two in a row last weekend after scoring 610 pinfalls. He was the lone youth bowler to post at least 600 pinfalls last Saturday, as the best McKenzie could do was tally 572 pinfalls to settle for another runner-up finish.

John Taisacan had a four-game total of 479 pinfalls to place third and was followed by Toby Verdaguer (443), Ryan Batac (382), and V.J. Aldan (374).

GUINTU-SOOK

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Ta last Friday and then downed Gigi Zapanta and Jerry Hibi last Sunday to have an undefeated record and clinch a finals berth. Competition rules gave automatic finals ticket to pairs with perfect records in the round-robin elimination round.

Guintu and Sook recorded their first four wins over Gary Bandoja and Kim Boranah, Lito Mendoza and Anna Alvarez, Jojo Savellano and June Padua, and Oh Imbog and Shirley Kim.

Three pairs finished second behind Guintu and Sook, as Bandoja and Boranah, Mendoza and Alvarez, and Hibi and Zapanta posted similar 5-2 records.

In Pool B, Diola and Choi were alone at the top spot with a perfect 7-0 record. The Diola and Choi tandem secured an unbeaten slate and the second and final championship seat after prevailing over Jerry Tan and Loyda Ito (2-5) and Cristy Villaflor and Joel Ortega (2-5) last Saturday.

Diola and Choi beat Robert Reyes and Elma Labuson (6-1) and Vic Reyes and Annarose Omori (5-2) for the finals berth. Other pairs entered in the mixed doubles 40-and-above division were Saul Gargallo and Marlene Peraja (4-3), Roger Vales and Babes Cielo (4-3), and Alvin Alvarez and Emily Vargas (0-7).

Meanwhile, in the centerpiece mixed doubles A, there will be a playoff match for the fourth and last semis seat between the tandems of Hapi Gabriel and Malou Malasarte and Gerry Hibi and Annarose Omori. The two pairs finished round-robin play with identical 3-4 records and the winner of the do-or-die game tonight will join Guintu and Choi, Macoi Aguda and Peraja, and Ferdie Arago and Lanie Bartolome in the semis.

In the semifinals, four pairs will battle for only one finals ticket, as Andrew Galvez and Angie Ito had already claimed the first finals slot. Galvez and Ito gained an outright championship berth after sweeping their elimination games.

Other pairs who joined the mixed doubles A division, but failed to advance were Diola and Toshiko Obata (0-7) and Montoya and Cheng Saturno (1-6).

Meanwhile, results and standings of other divisions will be published in *Saipan Tribune*'s Thursday edition.

MANGLONA

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Korea to prepare for his Deep Mayhem Fighting Mixed Martial Arts bout against local bet Hee Seung Kim (2-0) of Team Posse.

"This is going to be exciting because we are both undefeated," stated Manglona in an email on Monday.

Manglona currently holds a flawless MMA win-loss record of 3-0.

After his bout in South Korea, Manglona will return to the Marianas to go toe to toe against Guam's Ryan "Biggs" Biglar (7-2) in Pacific Xtreme Combat's PXC 27 event scheduled for Oct. 29 at the University of Guam Fieldhouse.

Manglona is fighting for the No. 1 contender spot in PXC's welterweight division.

This is a vacant title and a win by Manglona would put him in a position to face the winner of the fight between Korean Top Team's Hyun Gyu "The Ace" Lim (7-3-1) and Tunisia's Ferrid "The Hurricane" Kheder (18-7).

After PXC 27, Manglona plans to visit Saipan to compete in Trench Tech Purebred Promotions' Trench Warz 15: Supremacy tentatively scheduled for Dec. 16, 2011. His opponent has not yet been determined.

"Let's just say I'm looking forward to putting on a show on an island near you," Manglona added.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	97	63	.606	–
Boston	89	71	.556	8
Tampa Bay	89	71	.556	8
Toronto	80	80	.500	17
Baltimore	68	92	.425	29

Central Division

x-Detroit	93	67	.581	–
Cleveland	80	80	.500	13
Chicago	78	82	.488	15
Kansas City	71	89	.444	22
Minnesota	61	99	.381	32

West Division

x-Texas	94	66	.588	–
Los Angeles	86	74	.538	8
Oakland	72	88	.450	22
Seattle	67	93	.419	27

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

x-Philadelphia	100	60	.625	–
Atlanta	89	71	.556	11
Washington	79	80	.497	20 1/2
New York	76	84	.475	24
Florida	71	89	.444	29

Central Division

x-Milwaukee	94	66	.588	–
St. Louis	88	72	.550	6
Cincinnati	78	82	.488	16
Pittsburgh	72	88	.450	22
Chicago	70	90	.438	24
Houston	56	104	.350	38

West Division

x-Arizona	93	67	.581	–
San Francisco	85	75	.531	8
Los Angeles	81	78	.509	11 1/2
Colorado	72	88	.450	21
San Diego	70	90	.438	23

x-clinched division

Yesterday's Games

Cincinnati 6, N.Y. Mets 5
Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 2
Washington 6, Florida 4
Houston 5, St. Louis 4, 10 innings
Pittsburgh 9, Milwaukee 8
L.A. Dodgers 4, Arizona 2
San Diego 2, Chicago Cubs 0
San Francisco 3, Colorado 1
Baltimore 6, Boston 3
Detroit 14, Cleveland 0
Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Yankees 2
Kansas City 7, Minnesota 3
Chicago White Sox 4, Toronto 3
Texas 4, L.A. Angels 3
Seattle 4, Oakland 2

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	3	0	0	1.000	113	73
New England	2	1	0	.667	104	79
N.Y. Jets	2	1	0	.667	83	61
Miami	0	3	0	.000	53	78

South

Houston	2	1	0	.667	90	60
Tennessee	2	1	0	.667	57	43
Jacksonville	1	2	0	.333	29	62
Indianapolis	0	3	0	.000	46	84

North

Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	85	40
Cleveland	2	1	0	.667	61	62
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.667	54	55
Cincinnati	1	2	0	.333	57	54

West

Oakland	2	1	0	.667	92	82
San Diego	2	1	0	.667	65	69
Denver	1	2	0	.333	58	62
Kansas City	0	3	0	.000	27	109

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Dallas	2	1	0	.667	69	67
Washington	2	1	0	.667	66	53
N.Y. Giants	2	1	0	.667	71	60
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333	78	77

South

Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	60	60
New Orleans	2	1	0	.667	104	88
Carolina	1	2	0	.333	60	68
Atlanta	1	2	0	.333	60	77

North

Green Bay	3	0	0	1.000	99	74
Detroit	3	0	0	1.000	101	46
Chicago	1	2	0	.333	60	69
Minnesota	0	3	0	.000	60	74

West

San Francisco	2	1	0	.667	70	52
Seattle	1	2	0	.333	30	67
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	59	56
St. Louis	0	3	0	.000	36	96

Yesterday's Game

Dallas 18, Washington 16

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VisMinda/PIAHI's Arman Anasan pulls up for a jumper against MAFEA/RNV's Ed Cosino, left.

MDX/Armatech and MAFEA/RNV players watch MAFEA's James Abuy make a layup during a regular season match in the UFO Inter-Organization Masters Basketball Docomo Pacific Cup 2011 at the TSL Sports Complex.

MAFEA/RNV's Dado Vistal, left, tries to keep the ball away from a VisMinda/PIAHI defender.

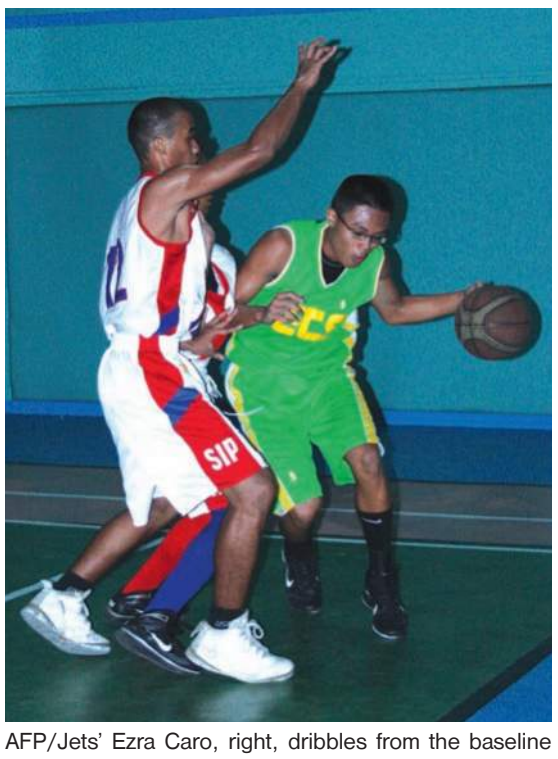
SIP's Bryle Alegre goes for an undergoal stab against a Jets defender.

SIP's Adrian Palacios, left, is trapped on the baseline by Filcag/Rollers' Ham Hambros.

Filcag/Rollers' Leo Galarse dribbles away from his defenders.

MAFEA/RNV's Hector Sevilla goes for a fastbreak layup.

AFP/Jets' Eugene Manglona, left, goes for an off-balanced shot against Filcag/Rollers' Leo Galarse.



AFP/Jets' Ezra Caro, right, dribbles from the baseline against SIP's Adrian Palacios during their regular season game in the UFO Inter-Organization Youth Basketball Docomo Pacific Cup 2011 at the TSL Sports Complex.

Samahang Laguna's Eyben Gagaring, left, tries to make an outlet pass during their game against Filcag/Rollers.

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Cabalen, Namfrel keep streaks

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Cabalen/Noni and Namfrel/Proa are still in a zone after stretching their respective winning streaks in the UFO Inter-Organization Basketball Friendship League 2011 Bud Cup last Sunday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Namfrel/Proa played in the first game and routed Bayani/Mobil, 108-86, to improve to a 6-0 win-loss card and move two wins away from sweeping the round-robin regular season. Mobil finished the elimination round with a 4-4 record and will have to wait for the results of the remaining matches this week to determine its place in the seven-team playoffs.

In the second game, Cabalen downed Cavite, 98-83, to extend its winning run to four. Cabalen now has a 6-1 record for a share of the second spot with the UPAA/Docomo Hoopaholics, while Cavite completed the regular season with a 2-6 slate and is ranked seventh in the nine-team field.

Both Cabalen and Namfrel managed to break away from their opponents behind their impressive 3-point shooting. Namfrel drilled 11 treys

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Cabalen/Noni's Kae Bernado, seen here going for a layup during their game against MAFEA/Ali'i Konflikt, scored in double figures in their 98-83 win over Cavite in the UFO Bud Cup caging last Sunday at the TSL Sports Complex.
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Guintu-Sook vs Diola-Choi in finals

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Dick Guintu and On In Sook and Mario Diola and Hannah Choi swept their respective pool games over the weekend to arrange a title showdown in the mixed doubles 40-and-above division of the 2011 Shirley's Badminton Classic.

The pair of Guintu and Sook was in Pool A and finished the eight-team group with a 7-0 record, winning three games from Friday to Sunday at the TSL Sports Complex. The duo first beat Edwin Montoya and Cheng Saturno and Puy Macario and Annette

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Hannah Choi hits a volley while Mario Diola looks on during their mixed doubles 40-and-above game against Elma Labuson and Robert Reyes in Week 3 of the 2011 Shirley's Badminton Classic at the TSL Sports Complex.

Manglona strikes gold in Jiu-Jitsu tourney in Korea

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Saipan's Keli "Rukus" Manglona took home two gold medals and a silver in the 2011 Adidas Cup Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Tournament held over the weekend in Seoul, South Korea.

Manglona won gold medals in both Gi and No-Gi Absolute BJJ Purple Belt divisions at 180 lbs before taking home the silver the 180-lb BJJ Purple Belt level.

The event was held at HeukSeok Gymnasium and organized and supervised by the Korea BJJ Federation under International Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation rules.

Manglona is expected to remain in

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Keli "Rukus" Manglona poses on the winner's podium with his two gold medals and one silver during the 2011 Adidas Cup Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Tournament awards ceremony held over the weekend in Seoul, South Korea.

Angeles, Soll end drought

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Raymond Angeles and Elena Soll finally broke into the win column this season after topping the August Budweiser King and Queen of the Lanes held over the weekend at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Angeles, who had unsuccessful attempts in ruling the men's division in the first eight monthly roll-offs, took this month's crown after collecting 779

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